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Bike theft increases by 119%

CRIME

Police say 730 bicycles have been stolen since January

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

After the first five months, 2015 is shaping up to be the worst year in recent history for bike theft in Calgary — by far.

More than twice as many bikes have been reported stolen so far this year as compared to the previous five-year average for the same period (January to May).

That's according to new data compiled by Calgary police, showing a continuing — even accelerating — trend.

At the end of May, a total of 730 bikes were reported stolen. That's up 60 per cent from last year and up 119 per cent from the 2010-2014 average.

And the peak bike-theft season is just getting warmed up.

"Bike theft is highly seasonal," reads a report prepared by police and provided to Metro, which indicated 65 per cent of bikes stolen last year were taken between May and September.

For comparison, there were 455 stolen bikes at this point in 2014, and 225 in 2011.

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IN BRIEF

Red Deer surpasses 100,000 residents

Alberta's third-largest city has reached a milestone after inching toward it for years.

Mayor Tara Veer said Red Deer's population has officially passed 100,000.

This year's municipal census for the central Alberta city sits at 100,807.

City officials anticipate that, at the current rate of growth, Red Deer will reach 200,000 in less than 20 years.

The city is celebrating by holding a contest to find its 100,000th citizen.

"Red Deer ... truly is our province's emerging city. The increase in our population gives us even more leverage on a provincial and national level to achieve the opportunities ahead of us."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

AHS officials warn of hazardous algae blooms

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is warning residents living near Eagle Lake to watch out for blue-green algae blooms that have been identified in areas of the lake.

AHS said this type of algae can look like fuzz on the surface of the water, and even with boiling, untreated water should not be consumed.

Ingestion or contact with these blooms could result in skin irritation, sore throat, fever, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

METRO

The scene of a fatal hit-and-run that resulted in the death of 35-year-old Maryam Rashidi, inset, in the 1800 block of 16 Ave. NW on Sunday morning. Police have charged 20-year-old Joshua Cody Mitchell in the death. ANNA BROOKS/METRO; INSET: LINKEDIN

Hit-and-run death suspect was on bail

FATAL GAS AND DASH

Joshua Cody Mitchell was on dangerous driving charge

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

Joshua Cody Mitchell, the 20-year-old man charged in the hit-and-run death of Maryam Rashidi, was out on bail and facing dangerous-driving charges at the time he allegedly ran over the 35-year-old Centex employee.

According to court records, Mitchell was out on bail after he was charged with possession of stolen property, dangerous driving, driving without insurance and failure to hold a valid operators licence. Records say the offences took place on Jan. 30.

Mitchell was arrested Tuesday night after a tip from the public led police to a home in the city's Beddington Heights area.

A close family friend of Maryam's, Amin Attar, said he was frustrated by the news, adding he'd like to see changes within the justice system moving forward.

"We have lost Maryam ... one of our close friends, and I would like this community, all of Calgary, even all of the world to never see this kind of crime again," he said.

Mitchell is now facing numerous charges including hit-and-run causing death, criminal negligence causing death and dangerous driving causing death.

A 16-year-old, who was also taken into custody on Tuesday, has not been charged at the direction of the Crown prosecutor.

On Wednesday, Insp. Ken Thrower, commander of the CPS Traffic Section, said the investigation is ongoing and more charges may be laid.

Mitchell remains in police custody.

HEALTH

'Patient first' irks skeptics

The Patient First Strategy recently released by Alberta Health Services (AHS) is being hit with some skepticism from the United Nurses of Alberta (UNA).

UNA president Heather Smith said putting patients first is just common sense. She added that for the health-care system to be truly centred on patients, some serious issues need addressing.

"There are changes that should not be taking place that AHS has in the works right now," Smith said.

These changes include things like reducing skill levels of providers and failing to provide adequate levels of staffing.

"You can say you're putting the needs of the patient first, but if there are issues like overcapacity, understaffing and workforce transformation, not only are they not in the best interests of the patient, they actually put the patients at risk," Smith explained.

In the Patient First Strategy, AHS states: "AHS will actively hire and recognize people who demonstrate patient- and family-centred care behavioural principles, such as active listening."

Smith said that with the March announcement that almost 1,700 AHS positions would be cut, she doesn't know how patients will come first if those jobs do end up lost.

When asked about the strategy, AHS responded that they "do not expect that there will be job losses due to the Patient First Strategy." ANNA BROOKS/METRO

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CYCLING

Space sought for charity bicycles

Helen Pike
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Calgary community cycle groups are spinning after news their storage space — housing more than 700 bikes — has fallen through, leaving the groups antsy to gear up for a big move by the end of June.

The only problem: They need more than 3,000 square feet of space and have yet to find a generous donor willing to offer a spare.

Two Wheel View, a registered charity, and the Good Life Community Bike shop, a not-for-profit, share a storage space. Recently they were told by the owners they had to move out by the end of the month, before the property is rented out.

"We don't need any (bike) donations," said Laura Istead, program and communications co-ordinator with Two Wheel View. "We really just need space for our existing bikes because we have probably enough bikes to last us definitely through to next year."

Two Wheel View collects as part of its earn-a-bike program, a workshop that takes children and teens aged 11 to 17 through a series of mechanic lessons through which they earn a community-donated bike.

Lena Elliott, one of Good Life's managers, said this is their busy season when they embark on several "community cleanup" missions. Collecting abandoned and underused bikes with their van, they can gather anywhere from 20 to 100 at a time.

Elliott said Good Life had to abruptly cancel cleanup efforts in Ward 5 because of space uncertainty.

"They have all these bikes and no way of getting them down here. We have nowhere to put them," Elliott said. "It's normally a huge thing we do to get revenue for us, but also go and help the communities and do more outreach stuff."

Istead said Two Wheel View also donates bikes to other groups like Bicycles for Humanity and The Women in Need Society within Calgary, so a space in the core would be ideal.

Anyone with leads is asked to contact Istead at laura.istead@twowheelview.org.

A bike mechanic teaches a student from the Earn-a-bike program. CONTRIBUTED

City of Calgary cycling co-ordinator Tom Thivener rides his bike along the 5 Street SW cycle track in a demonstration. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

5 Street SW cycle track set for debut

CYCLING

Calgary seeing true centre city network

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's next downtown cycle track will open Friday morning along 5 Street SW and create — for the first time — a true network of separated bike lanes in the centre city area.

The 5 Street cycle track stretches from 3 Avenue South to 17 Avenue South and intersects with the existing 12 Avenue cycle track, which opened June 2, giving cyclists the ability to ride for kilometres in the downtown and Beltline areas, both north-south and east-west, while separated from motor-vehicle traffic.

The new route will also intersect with the 8 Avenue cycle track, set to open later this month.

"We now are forming a minimal grid to help people criss-cross the downtown," Tom Thivener, the city's cycling co-ordinator, told reporters Thursday. "We've got most of downtown covered with this network; everything except the far east end."

The 12 Avenue cycle track has already seen numbers that Thivener said slightly exceeded his expectations, with 893 trips measured over 16 hours on opening day, and an average of 854 trips over the opening week (Tuesday to Sunday last week.)

Thivener said the latest numbers from the past "four or five days" have seen more than 1,000 daily trips on 12 Avenue, something he said is likely impacted by the recent warm weather.

City staff have set goals to double, triple or quadruple cyclist numbers on cycle-track routes (the goal varies from route to route) compared to counts done in the fall of 2014 when no separated lanes existed.

The numbers on 12 Avenue are exceeding those targets so far, but Thivener said the real test will come when the weather is less favourable.

He expects the full opening of the network to boost numbers further, however.

"When you provide barrier-separated bike lanes, they do work," Thivener said Thursday. "They get more people out. They make people feel more comfortable. They make women and children all of a sudden feel safe to bike on it. You do not see this on most facilities, most roadways in Calgary."

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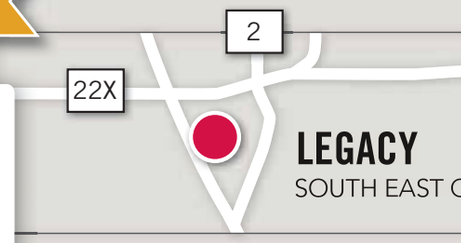

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SHELDON KENNEDY

Support centre expansion in the works

Former NHL player Sheldon Kennedy says the sexual-abuse support centre that bears his name has been deluged with cases since opening more than two years ago.

Kennedy, who brought to light sex crimes by former junior hockey coach Graham James, says the Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre has seen about 120 cases a month.

"We've really become a specialized service to really handle the worst of the worst cases, if you may," said Kennedy.

"The sexual assaults, the really bad child neglect cases, the physical abuse cases. Pretty much we take the 10 per cent of the really heavy-loaded cases, the cases that consume the systems."

The centre brings together police, social workers, medical staff, psychologists and prosecutors under one roof to try to avoid making child victims constantly relive incidents of abuse.

He said about 68 per cent of the children brought in have suffered some sort of sexual abuse and are between four and 12 years old.

"These kids are presenting three or more issues — suicidal ideation, sexualized behaviour, self-harm and violent behaviour," he said."We may be doing child abuse investigations and treatment but the reality is what we're dealing with is mental health issues."

Kennedy was one of the first to reveal publicly that he'd been sexually abused by James, his junior coach and mentor. Kennedy intends to offer support to James's latest alleged victim when he appears next week in a court in Swift Current, Sask.

He said the amount of traffic at the Calgary facility will likely lead to some form of expansion.

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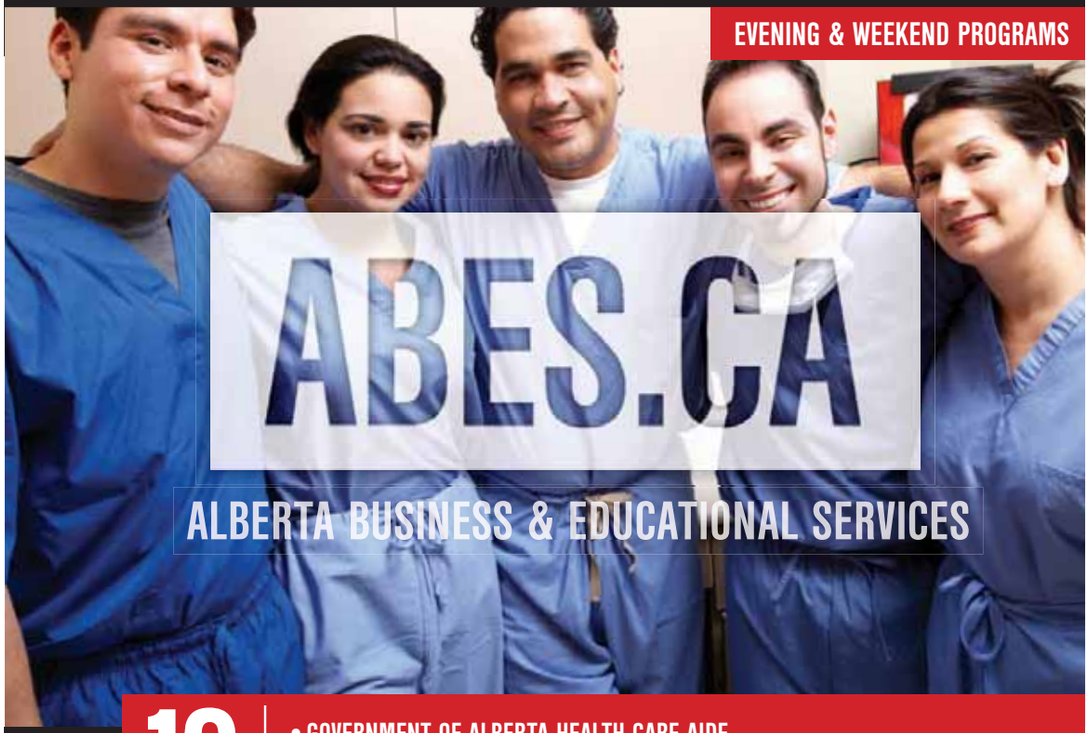

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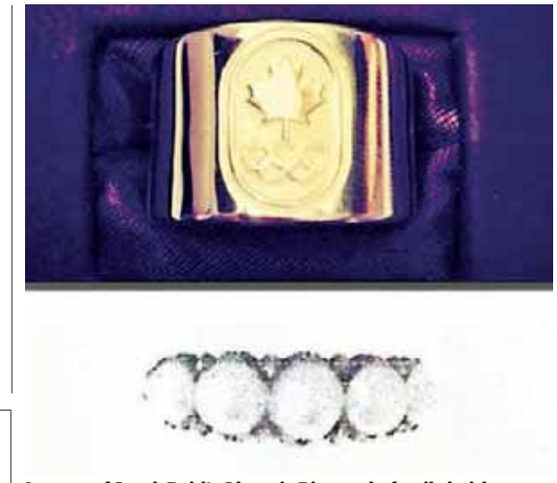

Images of Sarah Reid's Olympic Ring and a family heirloom are being circulated. CONTRIBUTED/INSTAGRAM

Olympian wants ring returned

THEFT

Sarah Reid's home was burglarized on Monday

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

A Canadian Olympian is looking for some help from the public to get a pair of priceless rings returned. Sarah Reid, who represented Canada at the 2014 Sochi games in the sport of Skeleton, said both the rings — one from Team Canada and the other a family heirloom passed down by her grandmother — are extremely important to her.

Reid said that when she arrived at her Crescent Heights home on Monday evening, she realized her bedroom and equipment room had been ransacked.

Reid said there was hope the two rings were safe because she stored them in a box separate from her other jewelry, but that hope was fleeting.

"It's funny; I think whoever took them probably took the ring box without even looking in it and realizing what was in it," she said."I would love to have all my jewelry back, it was all important to me, but those two particular things I can't really put a price on."

Reid said she reported the crime to police and is now holding out hope both of the items will be returned, adding she was in a state of disbelief when she realized they were gone.

She's now taken to social media asking for help.

"I worked for 11 years to earn that Olympic ring," she said.

"The time, money, dedication and support from my family that I had to get to a place where I'm allowed to wear that ring on my finger, to have that taken away from me, it stings for sure," she said.

Reid also noted the family heirloom, which she had hoped to pass down to her family one day, is equally as important as neither can be replaced.

"Those are two things that I'll never buy back," she said. "I'm willing to do whatever to have them back."

The Calgary local said that while the entire situation has been unfortunate, the amount of support she's been getting from the community has served as a silver lining, as thousands have shared her plea for help.

"If nothing else, it's given me quite a sense of pride in the city that I live in and the people that I'm living with."

Anyone with information about the rings is asked to contact Calgary police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers.

MORE INFO

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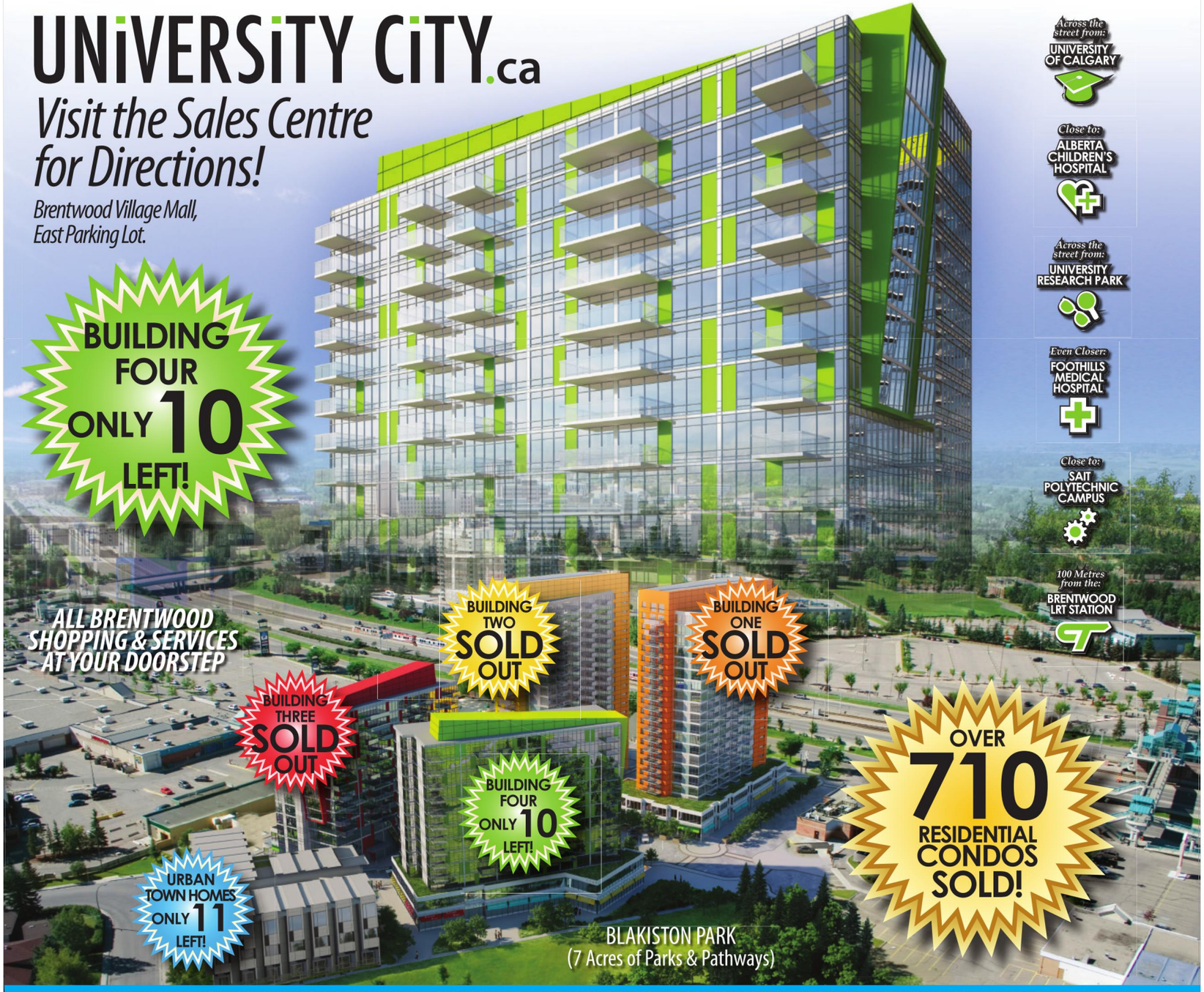
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SOCIAL SERVICES

Host homes would provide safer place for homeless youth

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Calgary Homeless Foundation CEO Diana Krecsy has said addressing youth homelessness as a top priority for the organization. METRO FILE

Homeless LGBTQ youth in Alberta will soon have a safer option for supported housing through a first-in-Canada program that will offer them places to stay in "host homes" as opposed to institutional shelters, where homophobic violence can be common.

Dr. Alex Abramovich, a researcher working with the Alberta government on the project, said there is a clear need for more hospitable services for young people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or otherwise questioning their gender or sexual identity.

"Oftentimes, LGBTQ youth aren't even accessing programs because they are so dangerous," he explained. "They end up completely avoiding these kinds of institutions."

Abramovich, who has studied homelessness among LGBTQ youth for the past decade, said "homophobic and transphobic violence has become normalized" among many in the community, making group shelter settings highly risky for many young people.

Evidence suggests 25 to 40 per cent of the youth homeless population in Canada is LGBTQ, he added, creating an especially dire problem.

"So LGBTQ youth are over-represented in the homeless youth population and under-represented in shelters and housing programs," Abramovich said.

To address that imbalance, the province plans to launch what's been dubbed the Aura Host Homes Program, which Abramovich said would see LGBTQ youth paired with local families in a supported environment.

"(The families) receive training and the tools they need, and same with the young people — they're supported through the entire process," he said.

The project is a joint effort between Alberta's Human Services Ministry, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary, and the Calgary Homeless Foundation.

Homeless Foundation CEO Diana Krecsy, who has made youth homelessness one of the organization's top priorities since taking over the job just over a year ago, previously told Metro she would look to fund and support programs with proven results that help house "the most vulnerable people in the system."

MORE DETAILS

Further details about the Aura Host Homes Program will be announced in Calgary on Friday.

Check metronews.ca for more.

EDMONTON

Autopsy reveals Raddatz killed himself after shooting

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The man who opened fire on Edmonton Police officers Monday killing Const. Daniel Woodall took his own life, an autopsy has revealed.

The medical examiner confirmed Thursday that Norman Walter Raddatz died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, before a fire consumed his home.

The details of Raddatz's death emerge as posts believed to be his showed he railed online about police, courts and paying taxes and spewed derogatory terms about black people and homosexuals.

A source says Raddatz had a Facebook account under the name Dino Stomper.

In May and August of 2014, parking tickets were posted on this Facebook page for vehicles parked outside Raddatz's bungalow. Two tickets were for an old motorhome that was eventually towed because it had been parked too long on the street.

Raddatz complained it had been stolen. "Unlawful seizure without warrant or just cause, and I was threatened with arrest!!" he wrote, adding those against him would be held accountable for trespassing and harassment.

"They will have to drag me to court by force. I will not voluntarily enter a corrupt admiralty court."

Half-grade exam finale

EDUCATION

Next year's diploma exam worth only 30 per cent

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Starting Friday, diploma exams accounting for half a student's year-end mark will become extinct.

Despite the strong push by school boards to change the weighting of diploma exams from 50 per cent to 30 per cent, there are some grumblings from the last batch of Grade 12 students writing the final string of loftily weighted tests over the next few weeks. Starting in the 2015-16 school year, diploma exams for Grade 12 students across Alberta will only account for 30 per cent of a student's final grade.

Grade 12 student Kevin Nguyen from Forest Lawn High School said writing an exam that will determine 50 per cent of his mark puts a high amount of pressure on students.

"50 per cent on one test, on one day," Nguyen said. "We've been here for 12 years, and if you screw up one test you have to go back."

Peer Noel Banduyang said he doesn't think the 50 per cent weighting is fair, adding that diploma exams are going to be much easier for students writing the less heavily weighted tests next year.

Grade 12 students from Forest Lawn High School express their dismay at being the last batch of students to write diploma exams that will determine half of their year-end mark.
ANNA BROOKS/METRO

> **We've been here for 12 years, and if you screw up one test you have to go back.**
> Kevin Nguyen

"50 per cent of the semester is on one test," he said. "I think they should have put the 30 per cent this year instead of next year."

But others like Kayla Oh, a Grade 12 student at Western Canada High School, told Metro earlier this year that she wasn't convinced the new marking scheme will be any better.

"I still think 50 per cent is better for students who are going to post-secondary because that's what they're going to do in university," she said.

"It prepares them for post-secondary."

The switch in exam weighting came back in March after a call for reduced weighting by school boards late last year.

FIRE INVESTIGATION

Public's help sought

The Calgary Fire Department is asking the public for help after a fire scorched a home in the city's northwest Thursday afternoon.

Crews arrived on scene shortly after 12:15 p.m. when they received calls regarding a house fire in Arbour Stone Rise NW.

Carole Henke, spokesperson for the Calgary Fire Department, said if anyone has any photos or videos of the blaze to send them to piofire@calgary.ca to assist in the investigation.

The fire was fought defensively to keep from spreading to neighbouring homes. Once the blaze was extinguished, crews searched the basement and main floor of the home, but found no evidence of any occupants.

Henke said a tenant who lives in the basement is unaccounted for, but there is no reason for them to believe he was home at the time of the fire.

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ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

NDP MLA Bob Wanner elected Speaker

The accidental candidate is now the 13th Speaker of the Alberta legislature.

Bob Wanner, the New Democrat MLA for Medicine Hat who replaced another candidate during the election campaign, won a majority of the secret votes of his 86 legislature colleagues Thursday.

He defeated Progressive Conservative member Dave Rodney. Final numbers were not disclosed.

After the 66-year-old rookie MLA won, he was — as per parliamentary tradition — mock-dragged to the Speaker's chair by Premier Rachel Notley and Opposition Wildrose Leader Brian Jean.

The job is historically viewed as a thankless one and therefore requires the winner to be ceremonially persuaded by force to accept it.

"We must find a way of working together and making this great province and its great people a better place than when we found it," Wanner said in his first speech from the canopied mahogany chair.

He replaces Gene Zwozdesky, a Progressive Conservative who lost his seat in the NDP majority election victory last month.

Wanner was expected to win the balloting. Last month, he revealed that the entire NDP caucus, acting on a motion by Notley, had agreed he would be the party's candidate.

The Opposition Wildrose and PC parties didn't like that. They suggested the ad hoc NDP closed-door vote — and Wanner's subsequent public boasting that he would have more access to cabinet ministers — damaged the position's neutrality. Wanner later made it clear his intent was to rule on issues without fear or favour.

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Players can be seen chasing the puck at this year's Hockey Alberta's provincial championships. DEREK LEUNG/HOCKEY ALBERTA

Hockey conference to be in city

HOCKEY ALBERTA

One topic of the event will be checking

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

This weekend, hockey officials from across Alberta will be converging in Calgary for Hockey Alberta's 2015 Hockey Conference and Annual General Meeting.

Hockey administrators, coaches and other members of the hockey industry will discuss everything from player retention to best practices around the game.

Brad Lyon, a Hockey Alberta spokesman, said while participants will be discussing a wide-variety of topics, the event would also be a chance for the province's minor hockey body to hear from hockey associations across Alberta on no-body-checking bantam and midget leagues.

"Basically we want to find out from them what initiatives, individual leagues or Minor Hockey Associations are looking at undertaking from the perspective of offering non body-checking options," he said.

With associations like Hockey Calgary already considering non-body-checking leagues, Lyon said it's important to provide support to the teams in the form of sanctioned tournaments and league play.

"What we'd like to do is a survey of participants who took part in some of these options, whether it be a tournament or league play and get their opinion," he said.

He said one of Hockey Alberta's goals coming out of this year's AGM and conference is to get a better picture of what non-body-checking options at bantam and the midget level in minor hockey in Alberta would look like.

"It's an emotional topic and there's a lot of valid points on both sides and we want to get that full picture," he said.

Participants will also have a chance to hear from hockey greats like vice-president of development with Hockey Canada, Paul Carson, alongside president of hockey operations for the Calgary Flames, Brian Burke.

The event runs June 12 to 13 at the Westin Calgary.

IN BRIEF

Man charged in relation to indecent exposures

City police have charged a 19-year-old man in connection to a series of alleged indecent acts in the city's southwest.

According to a release from the Calgary Police Service, Steffan Edward Bote, 19, is charged with five counts of committing an indecent act to a person under 16 years of age and two counts of committing indecent acts.

The charges come after two separate incidents on June 3 and May 29. His next court appearance is set for July 10. METRO

Peace Walk soothes past pain

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Survivors see 'healing going on across the country'

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Charlotte (Yellow Horn) McLeod was six years old when her parents first told her about growing up in a residential school.

When her father was 10 years old, he watched as his friend was forced to stand in a blizzard without a jacket or shoes. McLeod's father tried to bring him a jacket to keep him from shivering, but the boy refused.

McLeod said tears would stream down her father's face as he told her, "We don't know what happened to him; we never saw him again."

Seven years ago, Prime Minister Stephen Harper formally apologized on behalf of the Government of Canada to aboriginal Canadians and former students of Canada's residential schools.

Charlotte (Yellow Horn) McLeod sings an honour song at a bridge named after Hector-Louis Langevin, one of the architects of Canada's residential school system. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

That same afternoon, McLeod listened to the broadcast live from a car radio with a crowd.

That day came to be the inaugural Peace Walk for Indigenous Reconciliation and, on Thursday, she made the walk for the seventh time.

Co-hosted by Aspen, the Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary, and Fort Calgary, nearly 100 people joined the walk from the Harry Hays building to Fort Calgary.

Thirty-two walking sticks were carried by the crowd, each displaying the name of one of Alberta's residential schools.

> **"I was thinking about why I was walking and who I was walking for. I don't really want to think of what they went through.**
> Lorna Born With A Tooth, residential school survivor

Lorna Born With A Tooth took part in the walk for the first time this year. Once she reached Fort Calgary, her eyes filled with tears as she described her own memories of residential school.

"It was a really, really changing experience for me," she said, raising a hand to cover her mouth.

"I lost all my brothers and sisters to alcohol, and they all went to residential school. Today I was thinking about why I was walking and who I was walking for, and I don't really want to think of what they went through, because it hurts. But I'm thankful for where we're at right now and the healing that's been going on across the country."

RECONCILIATION

Native name sought for bridge

As the Peace Walk for Indigenous Reconciliation passed under the Langevin Bridge, Charlotte (Yellow Horn) McLeod stopped and turned her eyes to the steel arch. She said it was named after Hector-Louis Langevin, one of the architects of Canada's residential school system.

Following the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Calgarians launched an online petition to change the bridge's name, garnering over 600 signatures.

"I was really humbled when I heard that city hall is considering renaming the bridge … I really hope they do rename it to a First Nations name." she said.

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The signatures collected on a petition asking city council to rename Langevin Bridge

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Dear politics: Can we go on a summer break?

IN DEFENCE OF

Mike Morrison
Metro | Calgary

If you're like me, or Jim Prentice, you're still shell-shocked from last month's provincial election. Did the government really call an election a year early and then get practically wiped out by a fourth-place party? That actually happened? Like I said, shell-shocked.

Even as Albertans slowly come to terms with what an NDP government means, the federal election is already taking over the airways and social-media channels. And I have to ask: can we just have a break? Please? Pretty please?

In just a few months, Canadians will be heading to the polls for the federal election. And if you believe any headlines at all, it could be another blowout. But for which party remains the only question.

Not everyone looks good in a cowboy hat.
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

But that's not until October, and until then Calgarians are going to be busy. We have festivals to attend, rivers to float down, Stampedes to stampede and mountains to climb. And since we just went through four weeks of incessant phone calls and endless door knocking, can the federal politicians just chill for a few months?

While we're talking about Stampede, can we all just agree that politicians should be banned from the grounds and parties? We all know how annoying it's going to be when Thomas Mulcair arrives at Nashville North in the cowboy getup he bought earlier that day and tries to talk to you about country songs and oil prices.

And I don't care what you say, not everyone looks good in a cowboy hat (I'm talking specifically about both Justin Trudeau and Stephen Harper).

Stampede is a time for Calgarians to let loose and have a little fun — something I don't think any of our current political leaders have ever really done. I guess except Elizabeth May. If her press gallery speech is any indication, she'll fit right in at Cowboys.

But it's not just the federal election. I know for a fact people are already planning their campaigns for the next municipal election, which isn't until 2017. The current council isn't even halfway through its current term, yet people are already lining up to replace the councillors. It's going to be a long 2-1/2 years.

Politics is fun and all, especially here in Alberta. But our truly warm months come and go quickly, and while we can all agree that good government is important, it's not more important than getting out and enjoying the summer months while we have them. So check back in with us in September — we'll be all ears.

Mike Morrison tweets from @mikesbloggity.

CRIME

Police seek tips on robbery

City police are asking for help from the public in relation to a bank robbery that occurred Wednesday.

Police say that at roughly 1 p.m., a man entered the Bank of Montreal located in the 9600 block of Macleod Trail S.E., approached the teller and produced a robbery note.

The teller complied, and the man left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. No injuries were reported.

Described as white with a pale complexion, the man appeared to be roughly 25 years old, standing five-foot-eight to five-foot-10 in height and weighing 150 pounds, police say.

He's said to have short dark hair and at the time of the robbery was clean-shaven.

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POLITICS

NDP not betting on online gambling, yet

Whether the province will roll the dice on online gambling is not a decision the new NDP government will make soon.

Earlier this year, the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission put out a call asking companies if they could provide a "turn-key" internet gaming solution, but the bid stressed the government was only asking for interested parties, not offering contracts.

"It was just a request for what we could have," said Michelle Hynes-Dawson, a spokesperson for the commission. "There was a lot of interest and lots of vendors out there," she said.

But Finance Minister Joe Ceci's press secretary Carolyn Gregson said online gambling is not something they're focused on right now. Instead, she said, the top priority is the spending bills coming to the legislature.

"It's all interim supply right now," she said. "It (online gambling) is probably something he will look at more closely over the summer."

> **There was a lot of interest and lots of vendors out there.**
> Michelle Hynes-Dawson, a spokesperson for the commission

When Metro first reported the province was considering the move, NDP MLA Brian Mason said it was a crass attempt to get more provincial revenues.

"They're going to exploit people who have weaknesses and addictions in order to make up for lost revenues," he said.

Approximately $1.5 billion currently flows to the Alberta government every year from gaming revenues.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO EDMONTON

Calgary resident Steve Coutts in one of three bicycle-storage rooms in his condo building's underground parking garage that were methodically struck by thieves. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

Cyclists not surprised by theft figures

ORGANIZED RINGS

But they are disgusted as problem seems to be worsening

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Disgusting but not surprising. That's how Bike Calgary president Kimberley Nelson described new data from police showing the number of reported bike thefts in the city soaring ever higher, to levels she's never seen before.

But the numbers do corroborate what Nelson has been observing, herself, within the city's cycling community, which is increasingly taking matters into its own hands to combat bike theft.

Filing a police report is the first thing Bike Calgary advises people to do if a bike is stolen, but the cycling-advocacy organization also offers a service allowing people to report stolen bikes directly through its website.

An online report automatically generates tweets with the bike's details as well as printed posters that are displayed at Good Life Bike Shop. Local cycling enthusiasts then often take it upon themselves to locate stolen bikes and help return them to their rightful owners through whatever means possible. "We've had a couple of success stories … where people got their bikes back," Nelson said.

Calgary resident Steve Coutts similarly took matters into his own hands when his bike and his wife's bike were both stolen in 2013 from their condo parking garage.

Coutts gathered evidence of stolen property being advertised on Kijiji and brought it to police, who eventually made an arrest.

Another incident earlier this year at the same parkade, in which thieves methodically stole numerous bicycles over a period of days, has Coutts convinced there are organized bike-theft rings operating in the city.

"With our theft, the guy who got caught with the bikes wasn't the guy who stole the bikes," he said. "It was just typical street punks, and they handed them off to this other guy, who was selling them, and a lot more." A Calgary police officer was not available to be interviewed for this story on Thursday.

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Shear Madness a hit for theatre

ARTS

Play runs at the Vertigo until June 28

Lisa Wilton
Metro | Calgary

There's a simple reason as to why Shear Madness is one of the longest-running plays of all time.

"It's fun," said Bob Lohrmann, director of Vertigo Theatre's latest production, which runs until June 28.

"Well, actually it's a combination of three things: It's a comedy, so it's fun; it's a mystery, which is engaging and the improv element of it is the unknown. Fun, engaging and unknown winds up being a very potent combination."

While improv is a large component of the show, Lohrmann said he looked for performers with solid acting abilities first and foremost.

"Improvisational skills are important, but I look for people who are good actors," he said. "I need people who can create believable characters in a heightened comedic reality. Audiences can't find it funny if they can't find something believable in it first."

Originally written as a complex psychodrama by late German playwright and psychologist Paul Portner in 1963, the story was revamped as a campy comedy whodunit by American director Bruce Jordan and actor Marilyn Abrams in 1978.

The play has been running for almost three decades in Washington, D.C., and the flagship Boston company has spawned more than 40 productions in the U.S.

Shear Madness was first produced in Calgary in 1998. Lohrmann, he joined the show 27 years ago as an actor before making the move behind the scenes as a director.

"I love directing it because I know the show so well," he said. "It's funny, I still encounter skepticism from new actors in the show. They sometimes don't think it'll work. But then after the first performance they look at me like I'm God because everything I tell them about audience reaction is true. It's so much fun to watch the actors go from uncertainty and skepticism to, 'Boy is this ever fun.'"

SHOWTIMES

Saturday of madness
Shear Madness runs Tuesdays through Saturdays at The Playhouse at Vertigo Theatre. Tickets are $55 and can be purchased by calling 403-221-3708, online through VertigoTheatre.com or in-person at the Vertigo Theatre Ticket Office.

The cast from Vertigo Theatre's Shear Madness production have audiences rolling on the floor laughing with their murder-mystery comedy running through June. CONTRIBUTED

WEEKEND FUN

Friday – Hi-Strung Downers at The Palomino
Inspired by early rock music and country tinged rockabilly, the Hi-Strung Downers will get you up and dancing in no time.

Friday – Legoland at The Motel Theatre
Urban Curvz is kicking off its run of Jacob Richmond's smart comedy, Legoland, with an opening night gala, which includes an afterparty at Ca'Puccini restaurant and a chance to mingle with the cast and staff of Urban Curvz. Urbancurvz.com

Saturday – Classic Simpsons Trivia at Dickens Pub
Do you know Sideshow Bob's middle name? Can you remember who Barney replaced in the Be Sharps? Does the word 'Poindextrose' mean anything to you? If you answered yes to all these questions then you are obviously a Simpsons nerd and need to show off your knowledge of Springfield during this popular quiz night.
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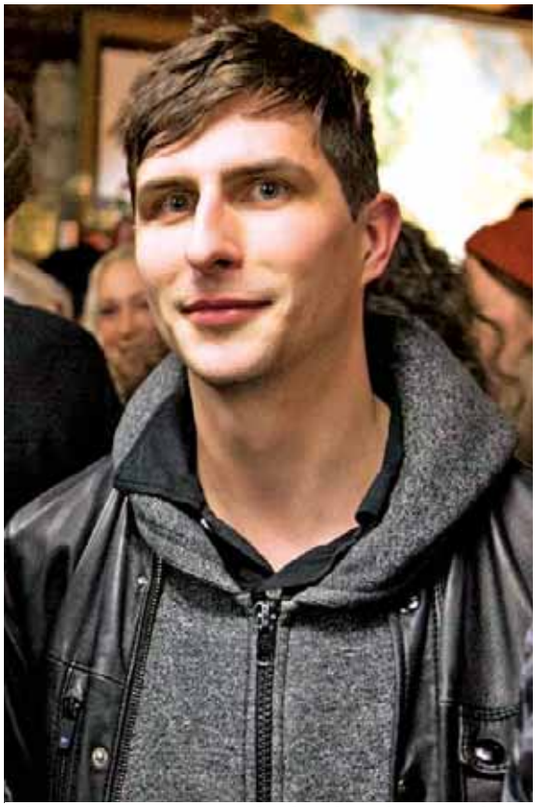

Lukes Drug Mart owner Gareth Lukes chatted to Metro about hosting an unofficial kickoff party for Sled Island Music & Arts Festival on Sunday in the store parking lot. CONTRIBUTED

MUSIC

Metro talks to parking-lot party planner

Lisa Wilton
For Metro | Calgary

The annual Sled Island Music & Arts Festival is a few weeks away, but the unofficial kickoff is Sunday at Lukes Drug Mart in Bridgeland. The Sled Island Pre-Fest Party in the store's parking lot features Polaris-winning artist Owen Pallett, Vancouver indie-pop band BESTiE, Winnipeg sextet Royal Canoe and Calgary electro-pop cool kid Mark Mills. Metro chatted to Lukes Drug Mart owner Gareth Lukes about the event:

How did you get involved with Sled Island, and how much input do you have in the pre-Sled party lineup?

In 2013 ... we did our first Sled Island Pre-Party with Rural Alberta Advantage and Ladyhawk.... We try to keep our parties in line with what Sled Island has done in the past by highlighting Canadian talent.

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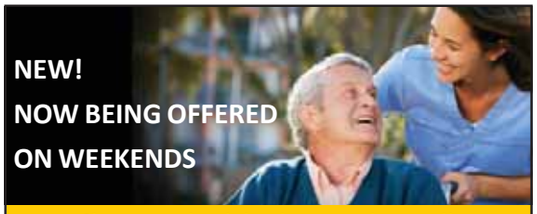

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Solomon wanted to sue art collector partner: Documents

MEDIA

Ex-CBC host argued he was owed a million for one art deal

Former CBC host Evan Solomon was contemplating suing his art collector partner in February for not paying in full a $1-million commission he believed he was owed.

"I do expect to be paid the full balance owing in accordance to our agreement and as reflected in my invoice," Solomon wrote in an email to art collector Bruce Bailey. If the money did not arrive by March 1, Solomon said, "I will have no choice but to explore legal recourses available to me."

Solomon was fired this week from his two CBC hosting jobs after Torstar News Service reported he was taking secret commission payments on art sales to people he dealt with as a journalist.

Leading up to February, Solomon and Bailey had a solid partnership. Bailey, the wealthy collector from Port Hope, Ont., had the art. Solomon, host of Power and Politics on television and The House on CBC Radio, had the growing circle of powerful contacts.

Emails between them show a giddiness about the future.

"Wow. The first sale! Well, how cool is this? The partnership is on the way. Well done Bruce," Solomon wrote on Oct. 31, 2013, shortly after the first art sale to RIM founder Jim Balsillie.

As Torstar previously reported, Solomon had sought out Balsillie to interview him as a journalist. On their first meeting, Solomon brought along Bailey.

Balsillie, who went on to buy numerous art pieces from Bailey, has said he never knew Solomon was part of the deals — and receiving a commission.

According to Solomon and Bailey's contract, signed in 2013, Solomon was entitled to a 10 per cent commission on sales.

The biggest deal, which came earlier this year, concerned a painting by Peter Doig, a Scottish artist who spent most of his early years in Canada and now lives in Trinidad.

Doig's paintings have been rising in value and by March this year one would sell for almost $26 million U.S. at an auction in New York.

According to emails and documents, Bailey contended he and Solomon had struck a verbal agreement to alter their written contract so that on art worth more than $500,000 he would pay Solomon a lower commission.

When Balsillie purchased the Doig from Bailey, emails show that Bailey wanted to pay Solomon a $200,000 fee as a "finder's fee," not a 10 per cent commission.

On Feb. 19, Solomon sent an invoice from Four T Productions, a company run out of his Ottawa home, telling Bailey he was entitled to a payment of more than $1 million, an amount that included a 10 per cent commission on the total value of the sale, plus HST, which Solomon was collecting. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SETTLEMENT

When Bruce Bailey received Evan Solomon's invoice, saying Solomon was entitled to payment of over $1 million, Bailey wrote back to Solomon. "I was deeply shocked to receive your invoice," he said.

Bailey and Solomon, with the help of legal counsel, worked on a settlement. Both contemplated legal action. Sources say Solomon settled for the $200,000.

Ex-BC host Evan Solomon is seen in this photo. COURTESY CBC

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Substance may not be a threat: Chemist

HALIFAX

Man on trial for threatening police with a chemical

A retired chemist told a judge Thursday it's questionable whether the poisonous chemical that a Halifax man is accused of threatening police with could have been a useful weapon.

James Orr, 84, testified about an email in which Christopher Phillips describes making a box containing osmium tetroxide that could be thrown at police.

Phillips has pleaded not guilty in Nova Scotia Supreme Court to threatening police officers and possessing a weapon — the hazardous chemical osmium tetroxide — for a dangerous purpose.

Orr, a former professor of chemistry at Memorial University, said he had worked with the chemical and described it as a rarity and useful for some reactions. However, Orr said even when a vial of osmium tetroxide is broken open in a room, it takes time for it to evaporate and begin posing a threat.

Members of the RCMP explosive disposal unit arrive at Lakeridge Crescent in Cole Harbour in January. METRO FILE

However, under cross-examination from prosecutor Karen Quigley, Orr conceded that if the osmium tetroxide spilled onto a person or went into their mouth it could be harmful.

Defence lawyer Mike Taylor said outside court that there's been evidence presented that no threat was intended by his client.

The email Phillips sent to a friend in the United States also includes a remark that he wouldn't actually use the container he describes as a weapon.

Phillips also told police in videotaped statements that he intended no harm against police and that he was using the osmium tetroxide for experimental purposes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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EUROPE

Amazon e-books kindle resentment

The European Union has launched an antitrust investigation into online retailer Amazon over its distribution of e-books, which have become increasingly popular in recent years.

The European Commission said Thursday it will investigate certain clauses in Amazon's contracts with publishers, including a requirement that they inform the company about arrangements it has with Amazon competitors.

Amazon, which is the largest distributor of e-books in Europe and owns the popular Kindle e-reader, has already faced pressure from the commission over whether its European operations enjoy an unfair competitive advantage by being based in low-tax Luxembourg.

Margrethe Vestager, the commission's top official on competition policy, stressed that the investigation, which will centre on the largest markets of English and German e-books, doesn't call into question Amazon's successful and comprehensive service.

"However, it is my duty to make sure that Amazon's arrangements with publishers are not harmful to consumers, by preventing other e-book distributors from innovating and competing effectively with Amazon," she said. "Our investigation will show if such concerns are justified."

If the European Commission finds that Amazon's arrangements limit competition and reduce consumer choice, then it could be violating European antitrust rules prohibiting companies from abusing their dominant market position. The firm could be fined or forced to change its business practices.

Amazon said it is confident that its agreements with publishers are legal and "in the best interests of readers," adding that it will "co-operate fully during this process." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Emily Kachote on stage after being crowned Miss Zimbabwe in April. She'll be replaced by the runner-up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Defrocked over nudes

ZIMBABWE

'Miss' stripped of title after racy photos appear in press

Miss Zimbabwe has been officially stripped of her title after photographs emerged of her posing nude, pageant organizers announced.

This is the second consecutive year in which a Miss Zimbabwe winner has been dethroned due to nude photos.

Emily Kachote will no longer represent Zimbabwe in the Miss World pageant to be held in China later this year, the Miss Zimbabwe Trust said in a statement Wednesday.

Kachote, 25, reportedly signed an agreement ahead of the competition swearing that she had never posed nude and would not pose nude if she won the title.

Contestants are also barred from dating or "making sexual advances toward anyone," according to Miss Zimbabwe Trust rules.

"Her conduct was a precise violation of rules governing the Trust," organizers said. Kachote will be replaced by the first runner-up, Annie Grace Mutambu.

The photographs first appeared in a tabloid newspaper and then went viral on social media just two weeks into Kachote's reign. The photos were taken before she entered the competition, she said.

"I have always suspected that these pictures would circulate but it happened a long time ago," she told the tabloid newspaper H-Metro last month. "I believe my past does not determine where I am going."

Last year Thabiso Phiri was dethroned after photographs of her also posing nude surfaced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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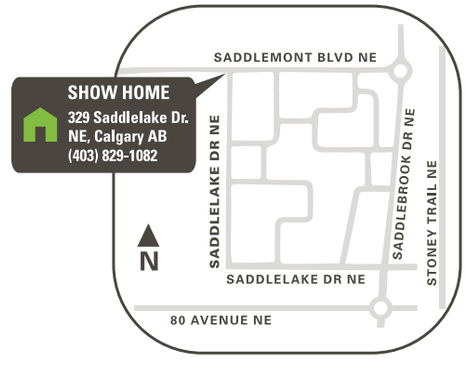

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Pan Am execs get big bucks

TO2015 GAMES

Committee to divvy up $5.7M for bonus pay

The upcoming Pan Am Games in Toronto are still proving to be a windfall for dozens of executives involved in planning what's billed as the largest multi-sport event ever held in Canada.

While the bonus pool for executives on the TO2015 Games' organizing committee has been reduced from $7 million to $5.7 million, it's being split among fewer executives — 53 instead of 64.

Pan Am Games CEO Saad Rafi said he made some organizational changes that reduced the number of executives eligible for bonuses after he took over from Ian Troop, who got a $534,000 severance package when he left amid complaints about expenses.

Rafi said many of the officials with TO2015 travel from one large-scale sporting competition to another, and the so-called "completion incentives" are offered by organizers of most major events to keep staff from leaving early.

"They take place in a staggered way around the world, and 40 per cent of our staff are people who go from games to games," Rafi said in an interview. "If you lose these people, you lose a lot of experience that goes with them."

> **If you lose these people, you lose a lot of experience that goes with them.**
> Pan Am Games CEO Saad Rafi

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne hands a symbolic key over to athlete Dante Richards-Kwok and Saad Rafi, CEO of the Toronto 2015 organizing committee, at an event Feb. 20. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pan Am executives paid as much as $250,000 are eligible for bonuses of up to 100 per cent of their annual pay when the Games are over — half for staying on the job and half conditional upon performance.

Progressive Conservative Pan Am critic Todd Smith called the bonuses "incredibly generous," adding he hopes some of them are denied, or at least reduced, because some of the venues, such as the soccer stadium in Hamilton, were not completed on schedule.

NDP Pan Am critic Paul Miller called the completion incentives "way overboard," and said he wasn't impressed by the $1.3-million cut in the executive bonus pool.

"That's like going from a 100-foot yacht to an 80-foot yacht," said Miller. "It's absolutely crazy."

Rafi, who is on secondment from his job as a deputy minister with the Ontario government, will be eligible for a bonus equal to his annual salary of $428,000 if the Games come in on schedule and on budget.

The province ordered TO2015 to tighten its expense rules in 2013 after some of its well-paid executives, including Troop, billed taxpayers for things like a 91-cent parking fee and $1.89 cup of tea.

The original $1.44-billion budget for the Games doesn't include the $700-million cost of building the athletes' village or $10 million for the provincial Pan Am secretariat.

Organizers expect about 250,000 visitors, along with 10,000 athletes from 41 countries, for the Pan Am Games, which run from July 10 to 26, and the Parapan Am Games from Aug. 7 to 15.

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400,000

The number of tickets to the Pan Am Games sols so far, out of an expected 1.4 million

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tough new rules proposed

Members of Parliament would have to disclose more about gifts they receive and the sponsored trips they take under new recommendations from a House of Commons committee.

The committee on procedure and House affairs is calling for a tightening of the conflict of interest code for MPs to increase transparency — suggestions that come amid intense scrutiny of questionable spending by senators.

Federal conflict of interest and ethics commissioner Mary Dawson carries out confidential investigations of complaints against MPs alleged to have breached the code.

The code prohibits MPs from accepting gifts unless they are routine expressions of hospitality or protocol.

Even then, any acceptable gift worth more than $500 must be publicly disclosed — a value the committee recommends be dropped to $200.

In addition, the committee says any outside contributions above the gift threshold to an MP's travel should be publicly revealed — a move that would toughen the current reporting standard.

The committee calls for a more complete review of the code, lamenting that it was "unable to devote more time" to its study, which began in May 2012 and was delayed due to a heavy workload.

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Stephen Harper had a brief audience with the Pope on Thursday; Vladimir Putin got 50 minutes. ADRIAN WYLD /THE CANADIAN PRESS

10 minutes with Francis

VATICAN

Harper bashes Putin, doesn't invite the Pope to Canada

Prime Minister Stephen Harper raised the troubling findings of the residential schools commission during an unusually brief meeting with Pope Francis Thursday.

But he stopped short of inviting the Pope to Canada to apologize.

Instead, Harper referred to a letter sent earlier in the week to the Vatican by his aboriginal affairs minister that merely notified the Holy See of the commission.

"Prime Minister Harper also drew attention to the letter sent by Minister (Bernard) Valcourt to the Holy See regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Commission," Harper's office said without elaborating.

> **Harper addressed ... his deep concern with Vladimir Putin's aggression.**
> Prime Minister's Office

Harper's 10-minute meeting with the Pope Francis was surprisingly short by Vatican standards. Russian President Vladimir Putin had a nearly 50-minute private audience with the pontiff a day earlier.

The Vatican did not mention the residential schools issue among the topics discussed.

The prime minister instead chose to pursue the theme that has dominated six-day trip to Europe: his condemnation of Putin.

"Prime Minister Harper addressed the situation in Ukraine and his deep concern with Vladimir Putin's aggression, occupation and violence in Ukraine," said his office.

Harper went into the meeting facing calls to use the occasion to secure a papal apology for the church's role in Canada's residential school legacy.

Perry Bellegarde, the national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, had said the meeting would be a "prime opportunity" for Harper to raise the issue.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which spoke to thousands of residential school students and documented their experiences, issued 94 recommendations last week that included a call for a papal apology on Canadian soil.

Bellegarde said a directly apology from the Pope "would be huge" and would help bring closure to those who suffered atrocities and abuses at the schools, many of which were run by the Roman Catholic Church.

Harper's visit to the Vatican came on the final day of his six-country European tour, and exactly seven years after the prime minister issued his own apology in the House of Commons to residential school survivors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

Judges nix constables' jeans protest

Some judges in Montreal briefly refused to take to the bench Thursday after courthouse constables showed up wearing non-uniform pants.

Eighty Montreal courthouse constables who provide security in the building donned jeans or camouflage pants in a pressure tactic related to an ongoing battle with the provincial government over their collective agreement.

The magistrates were definitely not amused.

A union representative said constables assigned to courtrooms were told to wear jeans, but the judges ordered them to change, invoking decorum.

After about 20 minutes constables assigned to courtrooms complied and changed back to their regular uniforms. But their colleagues monitoring the courthouse corridors remained in camouflage pants.

The constables are provincial government employees.

Thursday's controversy comes on the heels of one involving Montreal police officers who were criticized for wearing camouflage pants to former premier Jacques Parizeau's funeral this week.

The police officers have been wearing camouflage pants and red baseball caps since last year, protesting against the province's pension reforms.

The funeral protest prompted condemnation from Montreal's mayor and Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard, who said the provincial government intends to introduce measures this fall to ensure peace officers wear their uniforms.

"It's a question of respecting what they represent and they enforce the law," Justice Minister Stephanie Vallee said in Quebec City Thursday. "They should dress properly."

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FIFA official exits abruptly

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Top spokesman quits after Blatter urged to do the same

FIFA's top spokesman left his job on Thursday, hours after Sepp Blatter was urged to do the same by the European Parliament.

FIFA responded by announcing that its executive committee will meet on July 20 in Zurich to decide when the election to decide Blatter's successor should be held.

That meeting will also discuss how to reform FIFA after American and Swiss corruption investigations unleashed turmoil on the organization two weeks ago.

The latest upheaval saw communications director Walter De Gregorio, closely tied to the embattled president since 2011, abruptly exiting FIFA three days after telling a joke about soccer's governing body on a TV talk show.

Still, Blatter praised FIFA's handling of the ongoing corruption crisis in the organization's in-house magazine.

"FIFA is going through difficult times," Blatter said in an excerpt of his column released on Thursday.

"This makes me all the more proud that our organization runs smoothly in a crisis."

Blatter appeared to be referring to the smooth-running Under-20 and Women's World Cups in New Zealand and Canada.

On Monday, De Gregorio was a guest of host Roger Schawinski on German-language station SRF. Schawinski closed the show by asking the former sports and politics journalist to tell his favourite joke about FIFA.

De Gregorio set up the punchline by saying the FIFA president, himself and secretary general Jerome Valcke were in a car, so who was driving?

After a pause for the host to comment, De Gregorio gave the answer: "The police."

Earlier, lawmakers from 28 European nations meeting in Strasbourg, France, voted on a resolution calling for Blatter to speed up his announced resignation and let FIFA appoint an interim leader.

"FIFA is perplexed by the European Parliament's resolution," said the Zurich-based soccer body, which is not obliged to heed the parliament.

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> **"Our organization runs smoothly in a crisis."**
> Sepp Blatter

FIFA spokesman Walter De Gregorio, who resigned Thursday, gives a press conference in Zurich last month. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Homeless man gets cash back

A South Florida homeless man has been reunited with an inheritance of nearly $10,000 in cash, stuffed into two envelopes, which he'd accidentally left on a bus bench.

A Broward County sheriff's deputy and a Good Samaritan found the cash and authorities were able to track the man down and return the money days later, the South Florida Sun Sentinel reports.

A relative had left the man nearly $12,000. Det. Danny Mursell said the man is being identified only by his first name, Joe, for his protection.

On June 1, the man withdrew nearly $10,000 from a bank account and went shopping, deputies said. Mursell said Joe mistakenly left two plastic bags of merchandise along with the two envelopes full of cash on a bench at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

The man later realized he'd left the money and merchandise behind, "but he figured by the time he thought about going back to get it, it would be gone," Mursell added.

Early on June 4, John Harbett said he was on volunteer beach patrol looking for turtle hatchlings when he spotted an envelope containing $3,900 at the bus stop nearby.

A short time later, Deputy Ben Koos saw the bags of merchandise and found a second envelope with $5,600 inside.

Investigators found a receipt from a clothing store, got a surveillance picture of "Joe" from the store and tracked him down.

Mursell said the man expressed relief at recovering the money and said he planned to use the funds to relocate to Pennsylvania to be with family and friends.

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CRIME

Woman gets prison term for fatal buttock injections

A former madam who performed illegal "body sculpting" was sentenced Thursday to 10 to 20 years in prison after the death of a dancer whose heart stopped after nearly half a gallon of silicone was injected into her buttocks.

Padge-Victoria Windslowe told jurors during her murder trial that clients call her "the Michelangelo of buttocks injections." But prosecutors say she had no medical training and used deadly products on vulnerable women, including fellow members of the transgender community who wanted curves.

The judge called her a narcissist who sought fame and fortune as a serial — if underground — entrepreneur, but then became childlike when things went wrong.

"I don't think you're evil," Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Rose Marie DeFino-Nastasi told the defendant. "You don't believe that you must follow the rules of society."

The judge was especially troubled that Windslowe resumed the illegal injections after Claudia Aderotimi died in 2011.

Aderotimi — a 20-year-old college student and competitive dancer from London — and a friend had flown in to Philadelphia for $1,800 "touch-ups" with Windslowe.

The woman they knew only as "Lillian" arrived with the tools of her trade: a water bottle filled with liquid silicone, a red plastic cup, needles and syringes, and Krazy Glue to close the puncture wounds. But she apparently struck a vein when she injected Aderotimi. The cheap silicone soon spread to her lungs. She was dead hours later.

"It was not for money. I liked the appreciation they gave me because I was helping them," Windslowe, 45, said Thursdsay.

"Being transgender, for so many years ... I was imprisoned in my mind. When someone helped me with those injections, I basically felt like an ugly duckling turned into a swan."

Windslowe said clients from all over the world sought her out. "I was the best, and I don't mean that to be cocky," she told jurors.

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Co-pilot who crashed jet feared blindness: Inquiry

GERMANWINGS

Some doctors felt Lubitz was unfit to fly, says prosecution

Fearing he was going blind, the co-pilot who slammed a Germanwings jet into the Alps took sick days at work, upped his dosage of an antidepressant, and reached out to doctors, but they didn't tell his employer they thought he was unfit to fly because of German privacy laws, a French prosecutor said Thursday.

Marseille prosecutor Brice Robin presented new details of his criminal investigation into the case after meeting in Paris with many grieving relatives of the 150 people who died on the Germanwings flight co-piloted by Andreas Lubitz.

The March 24 crash, blamed on Lubitz, has put a spotlight on possible mental health issues involving flight crews.

Robin announced he was handing over his initial inquiry to three investigating magistrates who will try to determine who — if anyone — can be brought to trial in an involuntary manslaughter case in which the main culprit died in the crash.

The investigation so far "has enabled us to confirm without a shadow of a doubt ... Mr. Andreas Lubitz deliberately destroyed the plane and deliberately killed 150 people, including himself," Robin told reporters.

Investigators say Lubitz locked the pilot out of the cockpit and flew the plane into a French mountainside after having researched suicide methods and cockpit door rules, and practised an unusual descent.

In a new development, Robin said information from Lubitz's tablet PC showed he had also investigated vision problems, and "feared going blind," which would have ended the 27-year-old's aviation career.

Lubitz, who had a history of depression, had seven medical appointments in the month before the crash, including three with a psychiatrist, and had taken eight sick days off work, Robin said. Some of the doctors felt Lubitz was psychologically unstable, and some felt he was unfit to fly, but "unfortunately that information was not reported because of medical secrecy requirements," the prosecutor said.

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BACKGROUND

In Germany, doctors risk prison if they disclose information about their patients to anyone unless there is evidence they intend to commit a serious crime or harm themselves.

Prosecutor Brice Robin in a meeting with media, after the families of Germanwings plane crash victims met with authorities in Paris on Thursday. JACQUES BRINON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TERRORISM

Ex-Gitmo prisoner barred from plane

A former Guantanamo inmate who was invited to address a conference on youth radicalization in Montreal says he was prevented from boarding a flight in France because the aircraft would fly through U.S. airspace.

Mourad Benchellali, who addresses youth groups in Europe in a bid to dissuade them from joining the Islamic State or other groups waging holy war in Syria and Iraq, was not allowed to board the Air Transat flight from Lyon to Montreal.

Air Transat said because the flight flies through U.S. airspace its personnel had to apply the provisions of a U.S. security program known as Secure Flight — a program that checks passengers against the U.S. No Fly list.

Benchellali, 33, who was released from the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in July 2004, said in a telephone interview he was unaware he was on the U.S. list. He has flown to other destinations in Europe.

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VIRTUAL REALITY

Hardware to be compatible with PCs, Xbox One

Oculus founder Palmer Luckey holds up the new Oculus Rift virtual reality headset for photographers following a news conference, Thursday, in San Francisco.
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Oculus is expanding its virtual-reality headset to simulate the sensation of touch and gesturing as part of its quest to blur the lines between the fake and genuine world.

The touch controllers unveiled Thursday by Oculus founder Palmer Luckey are designed to enable people to pick up guns, throw Frisbees or carry out other actions within the fantasy scenes they see through a virtual reality headset called the Rift. The controllers also will make it possible to point, wave inside the video games being played on the Rift, according to Luckey.

The half-moon shaped controllers, called Oculus Touch, will be showcased along with the Rift headset next week in Los Angeles at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, or E3, a major video game conference.

"We really think Oculus Touch is going to surprise you," Luckey, 22, said. "We think they are going to deliver an entirely new set of virtual reality experiences."

Besides showing off its latest gadgetry, Oculus provided a glimpse at the lineup of video games being designed for the Rift and announced a partnership with Microsoft to make the headset compatible with the Xbox console and devices running on the next version of the Windows operating system scheduled to be released next month.

> **This isn't science fiction. This is reality.**
> Oculus founder Palmer Luckey

Oculus' virtual-reality technology is so highly regarded that Facebook bought it for $2 billion last year.

Since that acquisition, the Rift has remained in a testing phase that has kept its early prototypes in the hands of video game makers and computer programmers. The first consumer model of the headset won't be released until sometime during the first three months of next year. The touch controllers start selling shortly after that, at some point between April and June.

The Rift's price hasn't been announced yet, although Oculus has previously said the headset and a personal computer needed to power the technology will cost less than $1,500. The Rift package will also include a wireless controller and adapter for the new alliance with Microsoft, which is branching into another emerging niche of technology niche known as augmented reality with its own HoloLens headset.

Facebook and Oculus called reporters to a San Francisco studio Thursday for a glimpse of what the Rift's consumer model will look like. It's a lightweight device that will fit on top of a person's head like a half-helmet. Images are viewed through two screens housed inside a visor. The audio is piped through removable headphones.

The goal is to trick people's brains into believing what they are seeing and hearing is the real thing instead of a fabrication, said Oculus CEO Brandon Iribe, who started the company with Luckey three years ago with $2.4 million in financing.

The Rift's initial target market will be avid video game players. The inaugural lineup of video games built for the Rift include titles from CCP Games, Gunfire Games and Insomniac Games that will appear to transport players into space, an Arctic zone and a fictional land where a young man defends his home turf from a dragon.

Luckey and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, though, believe the Oculus technology eventually will extend far beyond video games to enable people's avatars to attend business meetings and bring together friends and families in virtual living rooms even though they are many miles apart. Movie buffs might even be able to insert themselves as characters in their favourite flicks.

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Corinne Maleski speaks about her brother, Keith Broomfield, as father, Thomas Broomfield, listens in Bolton, Mass.
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Body of U.S. man returned

SYRIA

Broomfield was fighting alongside Kurdish forces

The body of an American who died fighting with Kurdish forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group in Syria was handed over on Thursday to his family at a Turkish border crossing, a Kurdish official said.

Hundreds of people turned up in the Kurdish town of Kobani to bid farewell to Keith Broomfield before his body was handed over to family at the Mursitpinar gate, said Idriss Naasan.

Broomfield, from Massachusetts, died on June 3 in battle in a Syrian village near Kobani, making him likely the first U.S. citizen to die fighting alongside Kurds against ISIL.

He had joined the People's Protection Units, known as the YPG, on Feb. 24 under the nom de guerre Gelhat Rumet. The YPG is the main Kurdish guerrilla group battling ISIL in Syria.

The U.S. Department of State confirmed Broomfield's death Wednesday but declined to provide any details about the circumstances.

It was not immediately clear who from Broomfield's family was there to receive his body.

Kurds in Turkey lined the road, waving flags and applauding as the convoy carrying the body drove by.

Family members spoke to the media on Thursday outside their manufacturing business in Bolton, Mass. They said they hope his body will be brought back to the U.S. on Saturday.

Broomfield's older brother, Andy, said he was shocked when his brother first told him about his plans but eventually understood his decision.

"He believed in opposing evil," he said. "Somebody needs to stand up and oppose evil."

His father, Tom Broomfield, said Keith Broomfield went to Syria with no contacts and knew it was "a crazy thing to do" but felt strongly that he needed to help in some way.

> **He believed in opposing evil.**
> Andy Broomfield, brother

"He just felt he should be going," Tom Broomfield said.

The fight against ISIL has attracted dozens of Westerners, including Iraq war veterans who have made their way back to the Middle East to join Kurdish fighters, who have been most successful against the extremist group.

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SYRIA

CF-18s launch third strike mission

Two Canadian fighter-bombers have carried out the country's third airstrike against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Syria.

Defence Minister Jason Kenney said the mission took place Tuesday near the eastern city of Al Hasakah, a hotly contested area where forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad recently made minor gains.

The official news agency in Kuwait reported earlier this week that Syrian regular army troops had recaptured a youth prison and a village south of the embattled community after fierce fighting with extremists.

The agency, quoting the independent Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said as many as 20 Syrian soldiers and pro-government militia were killed in the lead-up to the capture.

Kenney said the Canadian jets used a precision-guided bomb to destroy an Islamic State compound.

It has been weeks since the Canadian military has held an operations briefing — or answered any questions about the war.

The last time was in the aftermath of a report into the friendly-fire death of a special-forces soldier, Sgt. Andrew Doiron, which found his shooting by Kurdish fighters to be a tragic case of mistaken identity.

Kenney's statement also revealed that the air force carried out a separate strike Wednesday in the vicinity of the strategically important oil town of Bayji, north of Baghdad, in Iraq. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Iranian motocross rider Behnaz Shafiei prepares for a training session at a racetrack near the village of Baraghan, some 30 kilometres from the capital Tehran. VAHID SALEMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iranian racer jumps barriers

IRAN

Women are banned from public riding

Iranian motocross rider Behnaz Shafiei's passion for hurdling over dirt hills has led her to leap cultural and legal barriers in Iran, where women are banned from riding motorcycles in public.

"When two days pass and I do not ride my motorcycle, I get really ill. Even the thought of not having a motorcycle someday gives me an awful feeling," Shafiei said on the outskirts of Iran's capital, Tehran. "Sometimes I think to myself, 'How did people in the past live without a motorbike? Is life without a motorcycle possible?'"

It almost became a reality for the 26-year-old. In Iran it remains illegal for women to ride motorcycles in public. Conservative clerics also denounce the idea of women attending men's sporting events.

Behnaz Shafiei rides her motocross bike during a training session near the village of Baraghanne, Iran. VAHID SALEMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But Shafiei and five other women worked hard to get official identifications from Iran's Motorcycle and Automobile Federation to allow them to race on amateur tracks. They still don't have access to Iran's only standard motocross track at the Azadi Sports Complex in Tehran, so they often race on the capital's outskirts.

On a recent weekend, Shafiei drew a crowd when she took off her helmet, part of her gear received from international sponsors. Women crowded around to take snapshots with her.

"I did not know that it was a woman riding until I noticed her hair," housewife Mahnaz Rahimi said.

"It took me by surprise that a woman can be so courageous. I don't have the guts to do such a thing."

Shafiei fell in love with motorcycles 11 years ago when she saw a woman in the country running errands on a small bike.

"My goal is to be a pioneer to inspire other women," she said. "Together, we can convince authorities to recognize women's motorcycle racing."

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Madrid Mayor Ana Botella, left, uses a fan Thursday at the unveiling of a monument in a Madrid convent believed to hold the bones of Spain's great writer Miguel de Cervantes.
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Cervantes buried after 400 years

SPAIN

Bones of Don Quixote author found at convent

Spain gave its great writer Miguel de Cervantes a formal burial Thursday, nearly 400 years after his death, unveiling a funeral monument holding recently unearthed bone fragments believed to include those of the author of Don Quixote.

Madrid Mayor Ana Botella placed a laurel wreath at the foot of the monument in a Madrid convent in a ceremony that included military honours, since Cervantes, considered the Shakespeare of Spanish letters, had been a soldier for Spain.

The bones were dug up this year by experts after a near-yearlong search at the convent where Cervantes was known to have been buried in 1616.

Construction work over the centuries had made it difficult to figure out exactly where his bones were located.

Investigators were convinced that his bones were among the remains of 15 bodies found in the crypt of the Barefoot Trinitarians, but they were unable to prove definitively which belonged to the author.

Still, they had some clues. Cervantes died at age 69 and wrote that he only had six teeth by then.

He also had wounds. In 1571, the writer was wounded in the Battle of Lepanto, which pitted Ottoman Turkish forces against the Holy League, led by Spain.

Aboard the ship La Marquesa, Cervantes was hit by three musket shots, two in the chest and one in his hand.

In January, archeologists said they found fragments of a casket bearing the initials "M.C." They concluded it was the author, even without definite proof.

Botella said the monument settled an age-old debt to Cervantes and to Spanish culture.

"Now we can say, 'Miguel, mission accomplished,'" she said.

Cervantes has such stature in Spain that the anniversary of his death on April 23 is celebrated each year with a marathon reading of Don Quixote by dozens of political and cultural figures.
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NAZI ART SEIZURES

Museum owns disputed painting: Court

A federal judge in California has dealt a blow to a Jewish family's prolonged battle to regain ownership of a masterpiece painting seized from a woman fleeing Nazi Germany in 1939 and now on display in a museum in Spain.

Judge John Walter found that under Spanish law, the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum in Madrid is the rightful owner of Rue Saint-Honore, Apres-midi, Effet de Pluie, an 1897 masterpiece by Camille Pissarro depicting a Parisian street scene. In last week's ruling, Walter dismissed a 2005 lawsuit filed by the woman's heirs against the museum but urged the institution to consider what would be fair to victims of Nazi persecution.

On Thursday, the family's lawyer promised to appeal Walter's ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, saying the museum's position is "morally and legally wrong."

Ava and David Cassirer are Americans whose great-grandmother Lilly Cassirer was forced to hand over the Pissarro to the Nazi government in 1939 in exchange for $360 and a visa to leave the country.

After World War II, Lilly Cassirer said she accepted about $13,000 in restitution in the German courts after unsuccessful attempts to find the painting.

Unbeknownst to Lilly Cassirer, the painting surfaced in the U.S. in 1951 and was bought in 1976 by Baron Hans-Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza, a scion of Germany's Thyssen steel empire. In 1993, the Spanish government paid $338 million for hundreds of the baron's artworks, including the Pissarro, for display in the Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum.
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Loblaw to remove microbeads by 2018

LOBLAW

Controversial substances to vanish from PC, Life brands

Loblaw Co. Executive President and Chairman Galen Weston speaks at the company's annual general meeting in Toronto on Thursday. Despite their pledge, microbeads, triclosan and phthalates will still be found in products by Neutrogena and Johnson and Johnson, the latter having pledged to remove all three substances by the end of 2017. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Loblaw Cos. Ltd. promises that within three and a half years, microbeads and two potentially harmful chemicals will be eliminated from its cosmetic and household products — a move environmentalists say has the company compensating for regulatory shortfalls of the federal government.

The chain, owner of various grocery and Shoppers Drug Mart stores across the country, announced Thursday it aims to remove triclosan and phthalates, along with microbeads from all of its Life and President's Choice products by the end of 2018.

Loblaw president Galen Weston said the decision was made as "emerging science and public opinion suggest a measured move away from some specific ingredients is prudent."

All three ingredients have faced increasing global scrutiny for their impact on the environment and possible negative effects on humans.

Triclosan is found in antibacterial soaps and body washes, toothpaste and some cosmetic products and is thought to contribute to antibiotic resistance.

Phthalates are a family of chemicals used to add fragrance to products that include body lotions and nail polishes, and to make plastics more flexible. There are concerns they may interfere with the body's endocrine and reproduction systems.

Microbeads are bits of plastic commonly used in facial and body scrubs but are so tiny they can't be filtered out by water-treatment systems and end up in lakes and rivers where they wind up killing fish who confuse them with food.

Environmental groups have urged Ottawa to classify microbeads as a "toxic substance" under the Environmental Protection Act, which would make it possible for the federal government to control their use or ban them altogether.

The government said in March it was studying the dangers posed to wildlife and the environment by the plastic microbeads but has yet to offer any conclusions. Federal government representatives did not immediately respond to requests for an update on the study.

While Loblaw says it could take three and a half years to phase out the ingredients completely, work has already begun and products with the chemicals and microbeads will diminish month by month, spokesman Kevin Groh said in an email.

"Our long-term deadline respects the task this will represent for our vendors. But, if our ambition is any indicator, 2018 is a conservative target," he said.

"In other words, we hope that the list of PC and Life products with these ingredients will be very short, very soon." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEW YORK CITY

Apple opens '20s-inspired store

To create the newest Apple store to sell iPhones, smartwatches and other modern gadgetry, Apple took a look back at the 1920s.

The new store on New York's Upper East Side occupies part of a Beaux Arts building that originally housed the U.S. Mortgage & Trust bank. Apple sought to restore some of the building's old grandeur by reproducing the original chandeliers seen in old photographs, restoring marble floors and pilasters and turning a bank vault into a VIP showroom.

It's all part of Apple's effort to keep its stores distinct — not just from other retailers but from each other.

And as Apple looks to open new stores or renovate existing ones — including the iconic New York Fifth Avenue store, with its distinctive glass-cube entrance — the company will look for additional ways to do that.

"It's no different than every customer downloads different apps and customizes their phones differently," said Angela Ahrendts, the senior vice-president who oversees the company's retail and online stores.

Many retailers keep their stores uniform so you can recognize them when visiting a new city or country. Even if you don't see its logo, you can often tell a McDonald's is a McDonald's from its distinctly sloped roof.

Apple has generic stores, too, such as ones in shopping malls. Many of Apple's larger stores in major cities make heavy use of glass, giving them a modern, open feel.

Although designing stores individually costs more, there's payoff in "a level of excitement, engagement and interest from consumers," said Michael Stephenson, associate strategy director at Fitch, a branding and design consultancy.

Upper East Side will be Apple's 266th store in the U.S. and seventh in New York City, a key market for Apple because it gets twice as much traffic as stores in other U.S. cities.

Apple has cleared the necessary regulatory hurdles. The store is about half the size of most other Apple stores and is designed primarily for local residents and businesses needing a repair or training, Ahrendts said.

"The cube works brilliantly on Fifth Avenue and has been one of the most iconic sites," she said. "But that works there. That wouldn't work everywhere."

The Fifth Avenue store, which draws tourists from around the world, will temporarily move soon to another iconic space, the F.A.O. Schwarz toy store that Tom Hanks made famous in "Big." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Amazon.ca launches new online clothing section

Amazon.ca wants shoppers to say "Yes" to the dress, along with the shoes and the jacket.

The online retailer launched a new section on its Canadian website Thursday devoted to clothing and shoes for men and women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON COMEDY AND COLLEGES

Anyone who thinks political correctness hasn't bettered society is retar— really dumb.

I'd like to clarify that the following opinions are those of one white, heterosexual, cisgendered, female comedian who triple-checked her privilege before writing this piece.

During an ESPN Radio interview this week, Jerry Seinfeld shared his view that college crowds are too politically correct to enjoy standup, and when asked if PC culture was hurting comedy, he answered, "Yes, it does." The Internet got so angry it almost seemed like calling people politically correct was, in itself, politically incorrect.

He sounded like a cranky old man who was out of touch. Not for having those thoughts — I'm a standup comic and I have thoughts like that all the time — but for telling people you have those thoughts! Just do like I do: smile and nod and pretend to know what intersectional feminism is.

But yeah, PC buzz-kills can really bring a show down.

Doing standup is hard. You need humour, logic, timing and instinct and you're juggling all those things at once. Throwing political correctness into the mix might make you juggle faster or concentrate harder, but it shouldn't make you drop everything.

I once started a joke by saying, "You know when you're living with a guy ..." and a woman from the audience yelled out, "No, because I live with a woman." I can only assume her point was: don't presume that your heterosexual experience represents everyone in this room. The thing is, I wasn't assuming the entire crowd was heterosexual — I was assuming that most of the crowd had at one time or another cohabited with another human. Do I have to start every sentence with, "You know when you're living with a man or a woman or a dog or a finger puppet?"

This woman was annoying because she was looking to take issue with something I said, as if she were an eggshell just waiting to be stepped on: "Ha! You broke me!"

And to Seinfeld's point, I feel like there may be more of those people around these days. Does political correctness hurt comedy? No, people hurt comedy.

I have to remind myself that when I first started doing standup in the year 2000, I'd frequently hear audience members whisper, "Oh no, a woman" when I got on stage.

Thanks to political correctness, I never hear that today, and if I did I could probably get the person who uttered it fired from their job! Ha ha… no, seriously.

Anyone who thinks that political correctness hasn't bettered society is probably retar— really dumb.

That said, could everyone chill the eff out? Like, a little?

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler. Rebecca will be performing at Yuk Yuks in Calgary on June 12 at 7:30 p.m. and June 13 at 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.

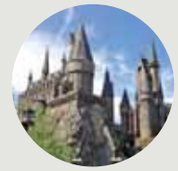
Happy face/Sad face

From **the camel family** to **Santa scandals**,
Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Twin victories for Haiti babies

The first conjoined siblings ever successfully separated in Haiti left the hospital this week. A team led by Haiti-born surgeon Dr. Henri Ford performed the highly risky procedure on six-month-old sisters Marian and Michelle Dave-Nouche, who were born joined at the abdomen. Ford has been returning to Haiti from the U.S. regularly since the 2010 earthquake. The girls are triplets. Their sister Tamar was not conjoined.

SOURCE: HUFFINGTON POST



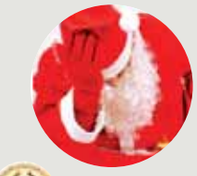
Oh say, can you see, a wizarding school

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling revealed on Twitter this week that a 2016 spinoff movie, titled Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, will feature a wizarding school on this side of the pond. The three magical academies in the Harry Potter novels are all located in Europe. The new school, whose location is TBA, will feature "indigenous magic" as an important subject, Rowling said.

SOURCE: CBC.CA

Canadian camels crack DNA mystery

Buried in the Yukon frost, locked in some ancient DNA, was the key that would rearrange the camel family tree. For decades, scientists thought ice-age camels found in Klondike gold fields were most related to llamas. But new genetic results from fossils near Dawson City confirm they were actually much more like the Asian camels of today. SOURCE: CBC.CA



Ho, ho, out of control

Even Santa doesn't travel as fast as a lie. In 2013, Robert and Iwona Woch dressed up as Santa and his helper in Ustrzyki Dolne, Poland. Their horse, spooked, crashed their carriage and threw them onto the street. A news agency stole a social-media photo, added fake quotes, and soon the Daily Mail and others ran it with headlines like, "DUI in a sleigh? Santa's ... drunken ride." The Wochs — just now speaking out — say their reputations are ruined. SOURCE: BUZZFEED

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Most Canadians have a handful of journalists they trust

Well, thanks for nothing, Evan.

There were Amanda Lang, Peter Mansbridge, Rex Murphy, Leslie Roberts and, on a whole different level, Jian Ghomeshi.

And if Canadians were looking for another reason not to trust journalists — maybe CBC celebrities in particular — you gave it to them.

But while disappointing, your grossly unethical art dealing isn't as nearly upsetting to me as if it had been committed by, say, the likes of Anna-Maria Tremonti.

She represents, far more than you, the journalism that most of us strive for.

That journalism, for the record, is dogged (like the pursuit of Rob Ford) and selfless (like reporting from an Ebola-hit country).

It's about conveying as honest a reflection as we can gather of the world as it is, and guarding against our biases. It's about direct questions, and demanding full answers, the way you hear interviewers ask the same question over and over until they get an explanation.

It's about, increasingly, patience when trying to pry information from governments via Access to Information requests. It's about offering a platform to the most voiceless among us, as Maclean's did last week for indigenous women to speak about sexual assault.

It's about curiosity for every aspect of this bizarre world, from the impacts of technology to the future of food cultivation, from the collisions of religious and racial groups in our communities to the mindset of ISIL leaders.

It is about reporters who develop sources to get a story, not make friends. It's about reporters who respect and, when necessary, protect sources, not tap them for business deals (many reporters won't even let you buy them a cup of coffee).

In case there's any confusion, it's about scrutinizing power brokers on the Hill, not asking them to dinner. (In fact, some political reporters won't even attend the Press Gallery dinner or other swanky Ottawa parties to avoid even the suggestion of cosying up to the people they report on.)

It's true, we're not ranked highly by Canadians, only 63 per cent of whom respected us in 2012 (up, surprisingly, from 49 per cent in 2008).

CBC News editor-in-chief Jennifer McGuire is worried "that any ethical lapse reflects badly on the entire profession."

But I believe most Canadians have at least a handful of journalists they very much trust and who they would never confuse for you, Evan Solomon.

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Pratt serves up Hollywood hits

STARDOM

From waiting tables at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. to stardom

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

As Dave Edmunds once warbled, "From small things, baby, big things one day come."

In Hollywood right now no one is bigger than Chris Pratt. His films Guardians of the Galaxy and The Lego Movie were two of the top five grossing hits of last year and Jurassic World is pegged to light up the box office with an estimated $100 million take this weekend.

Esquire has declared him "awesome" and The Guardian noted "there's a lot of love for Chris Pratt right now." He has momentum, the kind of Hollywood heat that gets your name mentioned as the lead in every big movie, including the proposed reboot of Indiana Jones. In fact, some label him the next Harrison Ford.

The hype swirling around the affable 35-year-old actor places him at the top of the Hollywood ladder, but it certainly wasn't always that way. A scan of the early credits on IMDB does not point toward superstardom.

Guest spots on the short-lived bounty hunter series The Huntress and a third lead in the so-little-seen-it-doesn't-even-have-a-Rotten-Tomatoes-rating action film The Extreme Team seem positively high profile compared to his first credit.

Pratt is a box office boon and Hollywood's leading man. CASEY CURRY/AP

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Jurassic World	★★★★
Me and Earl and the Dying Girl	★★★★
Slow West	★★★

HOW RATING WORKS	
★★★★	SEE IT
★★★	WORTHWHILE
★★	UP TO YOU
★	SKIP IT

Pratt was working as a waiter at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurant in Maui when actress Rae Dawn Chong came in for lunch.

She happened to be in the midst of casting Cursed Part 3, a short horror satire about a director who tries to convince his actors and crew not to flee when a mysterious killer visits the set.

Pratt stars in Jurassic World, a surefire summer hit that's estimated to gross $100 million in its opening weekend.
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Pratt was living with a group of friends in a van, doing standup comedy and community theatre when he approached the Quest for Fire star.

As Pratt recalls: "I said, 'I know you. You're a movie star, right?' She said, 'You're cute. Do you act?'"

Chong thought he'd be a good fit for the part of "a beautiful kid to play the Brat, an actor who complains out loud about having to make out with an older actor, played by Donna Mills."

The film was set to roll in five days and after a quick audition, Chong offered Pratt a plane ticket to California and the role of Devon.

"I had far more confidence than capability at the time," he says, "but I knew I could do it."

Shot next door to Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch, Cursed Part 3 isn't much of a movie, but Pratt made $700 for his debut, money he invested in a car so he could drive to auditions.

"I went from waiting tables in Maui to waiting tables in Beverly Hills," he says of Cursed Part 3, "but with a little bit of movie experience under my belt."

The film was a stepping stone to bigger and better jobs, including the role that made him a star, Pawnee City Hall shoe-shiner Andy Dwyer on Parks and Recreation.

Movie stardom was harder to come by. Losing blockbuster roles like Avatar's Jake Sully and Captain James Kirk of the rebooted Star Trek was discouraging, but he was determined to act.

"People have to work," he says. "I just don't want it to be at a restaurant."

With big-budget movies on the way like the proposed sci-fi adventure Passengers with Jennifer Lawrence and an all-star remake of The Magnificent Seven, it doesn't look like he'll have to dust off the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. uniform again any time soon.

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CHRIS PRATT PLAYS FRANCHISE BINGO

Chris Pratt already has Jurassic World, Guardians of the Galaxy and The Lego Movie to keep him busy, but what if we could plug him into any number of other franchises? We let Pratt decide where he'd fit in best across the Hollywood universe. NED EHRBAR

1

Star Wars

"I would be, like, a disgruntled Stormtrooper who's always had a strong belief and faith in the Empire, like grew up a patriot of the Empire and now sees that the Empire is run by bad guys. I think that would be an interesting take on it."

2

The Fast and the Furious

"I would play an auto mechanic who is the first one to be able to fix computers in new cars the way people used to be able to fix carburetors in old cars. Like I could tune them all by ear. You don't have to plug anything in. I could fix a computer with just a soldering iron and a stethoscope.

3

X-Men

"I would be a man whose special skill is his skull is made of adamantium, but the rest of his body is just normal, so he, like, head-butts things as a parlour trick but is essentially pretty useless when it comes to fighting. I wear body armour, but no helmet. His mutant name would be Numbskull."

4

James Bond

"I would be James Bond, but with an Essex accent. I would be like a super-campy Essex James Bond who's just a piece of s—. Just trashy. He just sucks at his f—ing job."

5

Star Trek

"I guess I'd have to be Captain Kirk's son, Kirk Kirk. Kirk Cameron Kirk."

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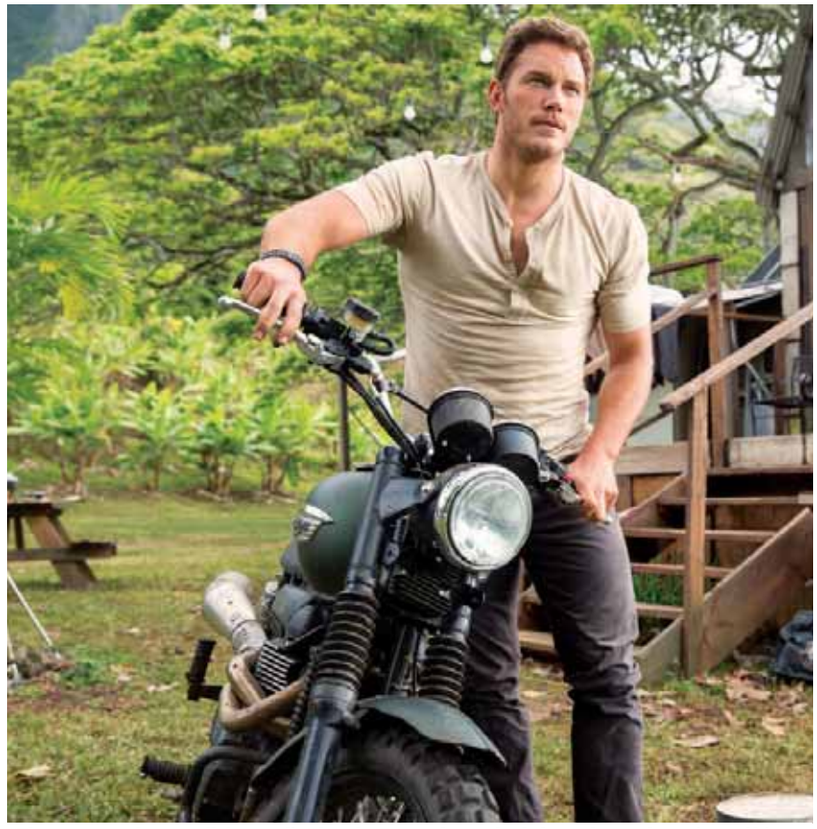
Twilight

"I would play a version of Frankenstein who's completely incapable — just like Frankenstein — of any real feelings of emotion or amorous love, but still has a ton of really intense sex scenes."



"The motorcycle gets all the credit," laughs Pratt when asked about the cool quotient of his dino-battling character in Jurassic World. CONTRIBUTED

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'We want to see predators eat'

INTERVIEW

Hollywood's leading man does battle with dinos in Jurassic World

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By now you've probably seen the trailers and ads teasing how the character Chris Pratt plays in Jurassic World has been training deadly velociraptors to follow his commands.

Well it turns out that in real life, Pratt would go for something a lot smaller and less deadly if he were going to have a pet dinosaur.

If you were to actually have a dinosaur of your own, which one would it be?
I'd probably want something that wouldn't kill me. And it would have to be small. Maybe in The Lost World, those ones that are like little rats? The little tiny guys? One of those, maybe two. That's what I'd want.

The only lingering question I had, which comes from the first movie, is why would you bring back raptors in the first place?
I was a collector of reptiles as a kid. I had frill-necked lizards, I had bearded dragons, I had iguanas, a savannah monitor, I had several snakes.

I was big into it, all the way up until I was about 25 or something like that, I collected reptiles. And my favourite part was watching them eat. Whether they're eating crickets or whether they're eating mice or rats, I loved that.

It satisfied this urge inside of me, the animal inside of me. I loved watching a lizard eat a mouse. It was thrilling. So that's why they made raptors, because we want to see giant predators eat.

Moustache acting is a very particular type of acting.

How much does that alter your performance, having an impressive 'stache?
So much. Truly, really so much. Just like putting on a wardrobe or holding a prop or having the boots that you're going to run in, when I look in the mirror and I'm seeing this guy with a moustache and a deeper tan than what I normally have, I'm just seeing a different person than who I am.

It doesn't necessarily inform me how I'm going to be in terms of my soul, but it's a mask and it's a costume. If you're wearing a mask it's much easier for you to lower your inhibitions and not care about how people are perceiving you because they're not really looking at you.

On a similar level, your character is very cool, but how much of that do you think is just because of the motorcycle?
The motorcycle gets all the credit (laughs). There's certainly a part of that. It's a nice motorcycle, it's a really great motorcycle.

THE TV DINNER **JESSICA ALLEN**

Jurassic Park and My Dinner with Andre released in the same week. How is a girl to choose?

Who would've thought? My Dinner with Andre and Jurassic World — together! Finally!

The Criterion Collection Blu-Ray of My Dinner with Andre is released on June 16 and Jurassic World, starring Chris Pratt, hits theatres on June 12.

How is a girl to choose?

The 1981 Louis Malle-directed film starring Wallace Shawn and Andre Gregory may have been the most boring movie I'd ever seen as a teenager. But my dad would invite me to watch it with him almost annually.

Finally, in my mid-20s, it clicked. Now I make a point of revisiting Wally and Andre as they converse about the stuff of life — love, death, money, career — over the course of an Upper West Side restaurant dinner, starting with potato soup for Wally and fish pâté for Andre, followed by quail with raisins for both.

Jurassic Park, however, was love at first sight when I saw it in 1993. There were repeat viewings on VHS but one in particular stands out above the rest.

It was with a group of fellow McMaster students.

One woman, foreshadowing the director's DVD commentary, insisted on narrating the film.

Near the end she pointed out that a velociraptor couldn't open a door.

"No s—, Sherlock," I quietly whispered. "It's a movie. About dinosaurs living among us."

My partner Simon was only 10 years old when Jurassic Park came out. To him, it's quintessential Steven Spielberg, like Jaws, E.T., and Raiders of the Lost Ark are for me.

The result is that he still knows the lines.

Every line, which I found out the other night when we watched it during a dinner of peppers stuffed with ground beef, rice, garlic and tomatoes and topped with Parmesan and fresh basil.

He also provided commentary, including: "Why aren't we eating mastodon steaks right now? Or at least mammoth burgers."

None of it — including the 15 times he paused the movie to say a line before a character did — compared to the woman who couldn't suspend her disbelief long enough to enjoy what is still a fantastic film.

"Things don't affect people the way they used to," laments Andre to his old friend over dinner. "I mean it may very well be that 10 years from now people will pay $10,000 in cash to be castrated just in order to be affected by something."

Eating my peppers, 24 years after their meal of words, I'm pleased that Andre's prediction remains unrealized. The art of storytelling, whether it's the "wonderfully odd" My Dinner with Andre or a Hollywood reboot of a much-beloved franchise, still deeply affects us.

The rest, as my dad likes to say, is just Buicks and grocery bills.

THE MOVIE: Jurassic Park

THE MEAL: Stuffed Peppers

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Breaking into the Wolfpack

INTERVIEW

Doc follows six brothers who lived childhood through movies

Steve Gow
For Metro

The Angulo brothers, from left, Narayana, Govinda, Jagadisa, Bhagavan, Mukunda and Krsna in The Wolfpack. Inset: Director Crystal Moselle. COURTESY MAGNOLIA PICTURES; INSET: CONTRIBUTED

Every once in a while, a film comes along that proves truth is stranger than fiction.

The Wolfpack is one of those movies. Shot over four years by director Crystal Moselle, the Grand Jury Prize winner at this year's Sundance Film Festival follows six brothers who grew up in a tiny Manhattan apartment that their father forbade them to leave. There, the siblings were socialized solely through Hollywood movies — which they soon began recreating word by word.

Metro caught up with Moselle to find out how she broke into the wolfpack and discovered the incredible story.

You met the Angulo brothers on the street but how soon did they open up about their quarantined upbringing?
They were pretty open (but) I'm a very optimistic, open person so I wasn't really looking for darkness. There was nothing that alarmed me once I got into their house. They just had this all this incredible art everywhere and it took about a year and a half before I started interviewing them (and one of them) revealed some stuff that started to peel away the layers.

Why did you take such a neutral approach with regards to their father?
I don't believe there's a good and evil. There's many shades to somebody. He might not outright say it, but I know that he feels some remorse for what happened in the past. I feel like there's a lot of room for people to read into what's happening and I don't have to straight-out say it.

What did you think when you first saw the brothers' film recreations?
They told me, "We do that movie JFK," and I was like, what does that even mean? When I first met them, they were (re-enacting) Platoon inside the fountain in Washington Square Park. They were in all their clothes and going crazy. The thing is, they didn't film that many of their re-enactments. It was really just this process of becoming these characters and living through them.

Well, they are certainly good actors.
They are amazing. I mean, their method is funny because they have to relive scenes exactly how it is in movies. If you gave them a script of a movie, they'd be like, 'No, no, it has to be exactly like the movie."

The Wolfpack opens in theatres beginning June 12.

The Angulos re-enacting scenes from movies. INSTAGRAM: THEWOLFPACKFILM

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Bradley Cooper to produce sci-fi series

HYPERION

Actor returns to his small screen roots as producer

The Hollywood star is teaming with Graham King, producer of Argo, and Todd Phillips, director of The Hangover trilogy, to bring Dan Simmons's Hyperion to SyFy as a series.

Set on the eve of Armageddon with an entire galaxy at war, Hyperion, published in 1989, is the story of seven pilgrims who embark on a voyage to seek the answers to the riddles of their lives. Each carries a desperate hope and a terrible secret, while one may hold the fate of humanity in his hands.

Set in the context of a 28th-century world, Hyperion is the first instalment in a four-volume saga called The Hyperion Cantos. In it, Simmons creates a beautiful futuristic world filled with eccentric characters that will have no trouble filling out a television series.

With an executive producer title, Cooper is returning to his roots, the medium he began in and which propelled him to stardom.

In 1999, he made his first television appearance in an episode of Sex and the City, followed two years later by his breakthrough as Will Tippin in Alias.

Since 2009 and his turn on Nip/Tuck, Bradley Cooper hadn't graced the small screen with his presence, until this year. Besides his participation in Wet Hot American Summer: First Day of Camp, which premieres July 31 on Netflix, he is also producing Limitless, a series based on his film of the same name. In fact, he will reprise his role as Eddie Mora on the CBS drama premiering Sept. 22. AFP

Stage, film and television actor Bradley Cooper takes on executive producer title with sci-fi series. ROB KIM/GETTY IMAGES

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Laverne Cox and Lea DeLaria in season 3 of Orange is the New Black, premiering on Netflix June 12. JOJO WHILDEN/NETFLIX

Cox says season 3 goes for the gut

ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK

Actress was moved by new storylines, in awe of writers

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

Laverne Cox is desperate for Friday's premiere of the third season of Orange is the New Black to go ahead and get here already, if only so that she can finally talk about the new plot developments.

"I just want people to see it so we can really go into it," says Cox, who has — understandably — been sworn to secrecy since filming the latest batch of episodes wrapped a few months ago.

Lucky for us, she is at least willing to tease a little bit of information.

"The third season was my favourite of all three seasons to shoot," she says. "I think we just got deeper into who Sophia is, what makes her tick. I got to do some stuff that I've never gotten to do before that I've always wanted to do on camera."

But it's not just the trajectory of her character, Sophia, that had her so impressed.

"Just the stories hit me in my gut, every single one. Every script I read I would just sit in my apartment — or on a plane, I was on a lot of planes — just being so moved to my core," Cox says. "There was one episode where I was like, 'OK this is really serious. This is bigger than me.' I have to really honour the story, and you have to connect with something bigger than you. That's what it's really all about."

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> Laverne Cox

While we can only guess — for now — what that episode is all about, it's good to know that Cox shares a desire familiar to a lot of fans of the series. "I've told (series creator) Jenji (Kohan) I want to be in the writers' room, but that's never going to happen," Cox says. "I would just love to see how they do it. Are there cards or something? Just in terms of all these characters and keeping them organized and keeping the stories weaving together? That is my dream, to get in there. Eventually, eventually."

With its much-anticipated third season in the offing and plenty of critical success and awards love, Cox feels confident in doing a little back-patting, especially given how Netflix and binge-watching have changed viewers' approach towards TV.

"It was 2013 when we premiered. Things have changed a lot in terms of the culture, and I love that we're kind of at the forefront of it," she says.

With a mostly female cast including an impressive number of women of colour, the show is also at the forefront of the changing face of TV, something Cox is happy to see happening — but under one condition.

"An unprecedented number of pilots this pilot season had 'minority' actors — I hate that word — actors from different racial and ethnic backgrounds, which is great, but it's so weird," she says.

"My whole thing is just that I don't like the idea of it being a trend because trends come and go. I like the idea of it being a real change that happens where we see the real diversity of this country represented on television."

Veiled in Dark Matter

INTERVIEW

New sci-fi series offers plenty of mystery, even for its cast

Ten years after Melissa O'Neil won Canadian Idol, she's back on TV, this time starring on the new Space series Dark Matter.

It's uncharted territory, admits the Calgary-bred singer,

"I've learned so much and I feel so fulfilled creatively," she says. "I'm really savouring every bit of it."

The Toronto-shot series centres on the crew of a derelict spaceship who awaken with no memories of who they are or how they got there.

She plays Two, who emerges as the tough and determined leader of the group. Then there's Three, played by Anthony Lemke, a mercenary who only looks out for himself.

The series was created by Joseph Mallozzi and Paul Mullie, also behind the Dark Matter graphic novel and the Stargate franchise. Before the show's premiere Friday, O'Neil and Lemke chatted about set secrets, spaceships and sing-a-long sci-fi.

How much did you know as filming unfolded? Were you as in the dark as the characters are?

Lemke: When we started shooting, absolutely we were. We had read a number of episodes ahead as actors but one of the things that Joe and Paul did very, very well was keep secrets. Boy did they ever. Right up until the last episode of the show, the big cliffhanger. We literally had no idea how that was going to go until it was shot, on the last day of shooting.

How about you Melissa? Did not having a backstory make it hard to dig into your character?

O'Neil: I had this hunch about my character and I felt very strongly that if this was correct, I needed to know it. And Joe, Paul and I went out for dinner one night and I posed the question to them and I was quite adamant and forthcoming about how I felt that this was crucial information for me to know - if it did end up in fact being true - and they held their cards really close.

Anthony, what did you latch onto in playing Three?

Lemke: In a way he's a very simple guy on the surface. He's the guy who literally says exactly what he thinks all the time and damn the consequences.... He's an ends-justifies-the-means kind of guy ... the thing that gets us to survive until tomorrow is the right thing. You know, we've seen that type of character before in sci-fi. Han Solo is an easy reference, for sure, and that looking-out-for-number-one kind of dude is who Three is set up to be. And as with all the other characters, who he's set up to be is not his entire story.

Is the series confined to the ship?

O'Neil: We do get off the ship sometimes, we land on planets. But it is a ship-based show and what's exciting about that is we don't have that on television right now — a ship-based drama that's filled with a lot of humour as well.

I think audiences are going to be excited to return to that kind of a format. And our ship is incredible. It's absolutely fantastic when you look at it on screen.

I don't suppose there's going to be any singing?

Lemke: We tried hard! Honestly, we were campaigning with Joe to get a musical episode in there. I think we're going to have to wait until Season 3.

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Anthony Lemke and Melissa O'Neil star in Dark Matter, which premieres June 12. CONTRIBUTED

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Director: Paul Feig
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Director: Leigh Whannell
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Teenaged life on the big screen

RJ Cyler, left, as Earl and Thomas Mann as Greg in the coming-of-age comedy Me and Earl and the Dying Girl. CONTRIBUTED

SUNDANCE-WINNING COMEDY

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl explores lighter side of heavy topic

Steve Gow
For Metro

When actor Thomas Mann first read the script for the Sundance award-winning comedy Me and Earl and the Dying Girl, he immediately knew he wanted the part. But of course, that only meant it was probably a long shot.

"It's weird — it's almost better to not care as much," said the rising star recently in Toronto.

"I have better auditions when I'm just throwing it away or less passionate about them. The ones I really, really want — I overthink them."

Lucky for Mann, he had "this instinctual thing" with the character of Greg Gaines — an introverted high school student whose social activity is mainly consumed with videotaping parodies of obscure movies with his pal Earl. That is, until he's forced to befriend a girl stricken with leukemia.

"I never saw it as a cancer movie," admitted Mann. "I approached it as a coming-of-age-movie but one that didn't treat teenagers any more special or less special than they were. They don't say the right thing and it kind of embraced the selfishness and stubbornness of teenagers."

It marks a definite break from stereotypical portrayals of teenaged life on the big screen.

Unlike his best-known role as a youth eager to obtain popularity by hosting a huge bash in the hit 2012 found-footage teen comedy Project X, Mann's character in Me and Earl is unabashedly anti-social — satisfied to go unnoticed in school.

"I think that's more relatable to a lot of teenagers," said Mann.

"Teenagers today are very self-aware and everything is at your fingertips, you have all this information so you can choose to do with it what you want. For some people, it's overwhelming and they just find their comfort zone and stay there."

Mann is clearly not satisfied with remaining in his comfort zone. Having filmed 10 projects in the past year, the 23-year-old actor will be heading right back to work alongside Charlize Theron in July on the medical thriller Brain on Fire — a role he's particularly excited to portray.

"It's much more grown-up than any other character I've played," explained Mann.

"I'm in my 20s playing someone in my 20s. I've played 17 for the past six years so this is my quintessential coming-of-age movie and I have to graduate. I just can't go back to high school."

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BEGINNER'S LUCK

My name is Earl: RJ Cyler makes film debut in Sundance hit

Making movies has been completely ruined for newcomer RJ Cyler. His very first feature, Me and Earl and the Dying Girl — he plays Earl — went on to win the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award at Sundance, where it had its world premiere. But they can't all be like that, right?

This is your first movie, and it won Sundance.
I literally didn't know what Sundance was, I didn't know that movies went to film festivals. I thought you shot a movie, it came out in theatres or ended up on Netflix. Or just didn't come out at all.

So then when they told me about Sundance and I read up about it, I was like, "Holy crap." And then we made it into Sundance, that was good enough for me. Then all the rest is just the icing on the cake to make it much sweeter, it was so good.

Did they warn you that they don't all do that?
I was like, "Man, we didn't have to set the bar so high." I can't go back to Sundance again with another movie and get the same experience, OK? They have literally ruined Sundance for RJ. How dare you?

What surprised you about making a film for the first time?
Alfonso's camera angles, oh my goodness. To walk into a room and see a camera hanging from the ceiling? Yeah, that took RJ to another place. I don't know what all this dolly work is and contraptions that they're building on set and tracks and stuff. It was just a lot.

How much of Earl as a character was on the page, and how much did you add?
Really, Earl and RJ are the same people. It's just that Earl is more controlled and mature, in a sense. I have a lot of childishness that I put in my everyday life, because I don't like to grow up too fast, you know? That's my acting technique, being able to tap into my inner child.

And you've got other stuff going on besides acting.
Yeah, I'm still DJing. I really want to DJ at a big party. If I could DJ at Ultra or something, it would blow my mind. I still play the drums and the piano, too. I'm trying to get more musically inclined. I just want to find the right teacher. I want Jamie Foxx to teach me. I love the way he approaches music.

Have you called him to ask for lessons?
I haven't. I left a few Instagram comments. "I don't know if you're looking for, you know, a protégé. I promise I would not make your name look bad. I could be Little Jamie if you're Big Jamie." He didn't respond, he has too many followers. I've got to figure out another way.

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> **That's my acting technique, being able to tap into my inner child** RJ Cyler

Olivia Cooke and RJ Cyler on set of Me and Earl and the Dying Girl. CONTRIBUTED

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PRIDE PARADE

Cyndi loves Canada's true colours

Cyndi Lauper will perform at Toronto Pride. GETTY IMAGES

Cyndi Lauper is familiar with the landscapes of Ontario, which she'll revisit later this month for the opening of Kinky Boots and the Pride parade in Toronto.

In her early 20s, the Girls Just Want to Have Fun singer-songwriter from Queens, N.Y., flew to Toronto and then hitchhiked about 300 kilometres north to Algonquin Park to study trees and find herself for a couple of weeks.

"Trying to find myself and then trying to find the way out," she said with a laugh in a recent telephone interview.

"I love Canada," continued Lauper, who made the trip with her dog Sparkle. "I wanted to live in Canada but I didn't have a job and I didn't have any inkling of anything, of even what I would be or who I would be.

"I thought I would just be a painter and I guess I started just painting in other ways."

Lauper will still be hitching a ride of sorts when she boards a float to serve as one of the international grand marshals of Toronto's Pride parade on June 28.

That night she'll also attend the official opening of the Canadian premiere production of Kinky Boots, which starts performances at the Royal Alexandra Theatre on June 16.

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Taron Egerton, left, plays Eggsy Unwin in Kingsman: The Secret Service. HANDOUT

Kingsman star talks spy tactics

INTERVIEW

Rising actor Taron Egerton explains route to stardom

Kingsman: The Secret Service, a spy action comedy, was a surprise hit when it premiered in February, earning more than $400 million worldwide. The Star spoke with Welsh actor Taron Egerton, who starred with Colin Firth in the film.

Were you surprised by the success of the film?

It was my first experience at filmmaking so I didn't really feel like I could trust my own instincts about anything really to do with the whole process. I always knew ... it had something quite original to it, and I was surrounded by a stellar cast and Matthew (Vaughn) is a brilliant filmmaker. So I had confidence in that.

How did you go about getting the role?

I was making a television series in the U.K. at the time and it was just basically like any audition, really. It was open call for actors of a certain age. So I went around to Warner Brothers Studios (London), which is where the film was eventually shot, and auditioned for Matthew.

That was by no means the final hurdle; there were lots of different auditions after that, about five weeks of readings and costume and make-up tests and quite a lot of stunt work as well, actually, because it's such a physical role.

Then one morning, (Matthew) called me and said, 'Right, I think we're about to offer you this part, you've got to do this, X, Y and Z, you're not in good enough shape. I'm going to be filming you with your kit off so you need to be in good shape.'

How did you prepare for the role?

In terms of Eggsy and his background, there's quite a lot of really good British drama and great films that feature characters of a similar background. There's a manner, a kind of street culture, a way of speaking that was very foreign to me. So there were lots of television shows and films I watched and people I listened to ... to try and get the right sound.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Western with a Kiwi spin

AMERICAN WESTERN

Slow West director tests status quo in New Zealand

Steve Gow
For Metro

Michael Fassbender and 18-year-old Kodi Smit-McPhee star in Slow West, a coming-of-age American Western filmed in New Zealand. A24 FILMS/TNS

Slow West may be the unlikeliest American western ever made. If nothing else, it's probably the only western ever filmed in New Zealand by a Scottish director with a German-born actor in the lead.

"I don't think I could have got more away from an American western starring Americans," laughed director John Maclean ahead of the film's theatrical release on Friday. In truth however, the first-time filmmaker's drama about a young Scottish immigrant unwittingly escorted by an outlaw (Michael Fassbender) is more authentic than most Hollywood westerns.

"It felt like I had an angle to go in on that was slightly more personal to me," said Maclean, after exhaustively researching the immigrant experience of the 1800s. "I could do something that was a bit more of a coming-of-age or love story or something else that meant that it wasn't just a western."

The addition of Fassbender surely elevates the film beyond "just a western" as well. One of Hollywood's hottest names, the X-Men star has been an unlikely collaborator with Maclean ever since first stumbling upon the Scottish director's experimental short films through a mutual agent.

"Michael saw something in them even though they had zero budget and (were) ambitious blood-spurting, samurai stuff," said Maclean. While the former musician (he was a member of acclaimed 90's act, The Beta Band) insists he would've made Slow West regardless of Fassbender's involvement, he accepts it wouldn't have been the Sundance Prize-winner it became without the actor.

"The scriptwriting had to be good," said Maclean. "You can't turn up with some half-arsed script because he's getting every script in Hollywood on his table so it means you really have to step up your game."

Maclean also realizes that Fassbender instantly improved the film's performances as well. Having earned an Oscar nomination as a sadistic master in 12 Years a Slave, Fassbender is truly one of cinema's contemporary greats – an attribute not lost on Maclean.

"He prepares relentlessly and covers all bases," said Maclean. "(But it's) his natural ability to understand that specific relationship between him and the camera which is kind of a gift. It's like footballers – their gift is playing football. It's just like that."

DIRECTOR'S TAKE

On filming in NZ:
"(It) was a case of shooting during the summer in New Zealand or winter in Colorado," said Maclean. "I somehow imagined people would never find out (but) people have really latched on to it... you just hope it doesn't get in the way of the story."

On similarities to Ingmar Bergman's Shame:
"That was the film I gave the two actors," said Maclean. "(Slow West's) characters felt like those two characters in Shame. The shame in the original Bergman film is the shame of masculinity and the man is hopeless and the woman is frustrated by his hopelessness."

On his favourite scene:
"On this film it was just such a pleasure, but I've always loved shooting," said Maclean. "It wasn't stressful in the slightest. I could've kept going. I'd wake up and have that moment where I'm like, 'Oh yeah! I'm shooting a film!" STEVE GOW

CROSS-NURSING BY THE NUMBERS

The research team collected their data by circulating surveys online using tools like Facebook and worked with a total of 392 completed surveys.

One participant who was quoted reported a positive milk sharing experience but said she would like to know more about the safety of the practice.

The study was published in the journal Breastfeeding Medicine. AFP

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Research uncovers a growing network of mothers who often nurse each other's babies. ISTOCK

Secret world of sharing breast milk

PARENTING

Cross-nursing often informal yet complex, study shows

Breast milk sharing has existed for as long as humans have reproduced, and despite periods of being virtually abandoned in certain cultures, the Internet has facilitated a growing exchange network, according to a new study.

High-income, highly educated white mothers make up the biggest demographic in this network of moms who often breastfeed each others' babies.

"I was surprised by the high prevalence of overlap, where women who were donors were also recipients," says co-author Beatriz Reyes-Foster a sociocultural anthropologist at the University of Central Florida. "And many of them aren't exchanging milk in containers, they're cross-nursing."

Cross-nursing, the technical term for feeding a baby that's not your own, is not to be confused with wet-nursing, which is a professional service that is less sought after today than in the past.

Breastfeeding is enjoying increasing popularity thanks to research that says breast milk is good for children, making them resistant to disease both early and later in life. Sharing works for women who can't produce their own milk.

Sharing that takes place between strangers who meet on the Internet is risky, critics say. That occurs more rarely than previously thought, according to the study, which also found that monetary exchanges occur less often than no-strings-attached sharing.

"The medical community seems to have a perception that women are buying or obtaining breast milk from anyone who will provide it and that they can find on the Internet, says co-author Shannon Carter of UCF. "We found milk sharing to be a much more complex process, involving friends, friends of friends, and hybrid online/offline communities." AFP

The cow goes 'dada' for Fallon

NEW DADS

Jimmy Fallon reveals plan to influence baby's first words

Jimmy Fallon spends his evenings as host of NBC's The Tonight Show, having fits of laughter with Bradley Cooper, pretending to be a teenage girl whose favourite word is "Ew!" and coming up with hashtags, but the favourite part of his day is when he's at home, reading to his almost 2-year-old daughter, Winnie Rose. (His second daughter, Frances Cole, is a baby.)

"It's a really good bonding moment. I know I'm going to miss those days," Fallon said in a recent interview.

> **It's a little sad, but it's what dads want.**
> Jimmy Fallon

He happily listed the titles from his inventory of children's books like Moo, Baa, La La La! by Sandra Boynton. "Oh my gosh, it's a great book," he gushed.

Now he's adding his own book to that inventory – Your Baby's First Word Will Be Dada (Feiwel & Friends), available in hardcover or as a board book.

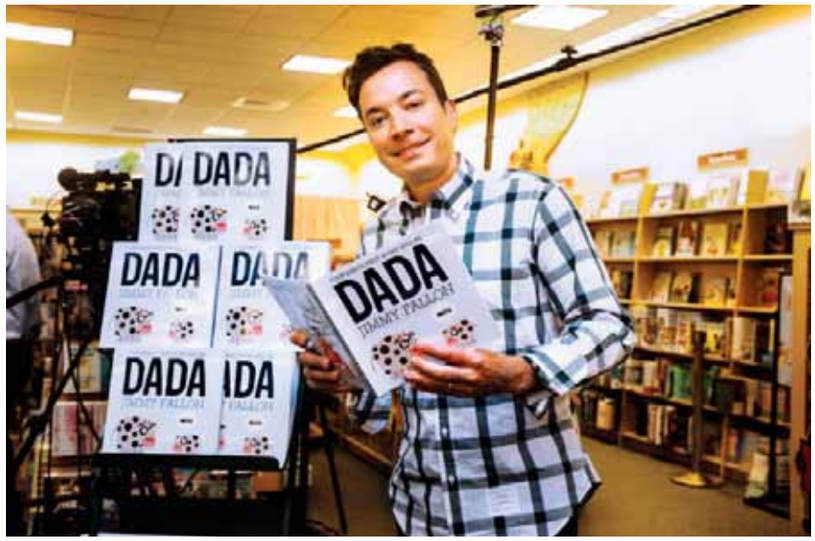
"It's a secret mission that no one really discusses when you have a baby. What's baby's first word gonna be? These days the baby's first word is normally iPad," he joked.

Fallon said he was blatantly obvious trying to get Winnie to say "dada."

"I tried to trick my daughter into saying 'dada' because I wanted it to be her first word. I would call everything 'dada.' I'd point to her bottle and go 'dada,' and I'd point to her food and say 'dada.' I really didn't care if she was smart or anything. I just wanted her to say that for the history books," he said.

His efforts didn't work. Fallon said her first word was mama. (His wife is producer Nancy Juvonen.)

Fallon, 40, said he also picked up on what young ones like about story time.



Jimmy Fallon's new children's book is designed to give dad bragging rights. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"When they're so little they don't really care about a plot. They're gonna want to point out a balloon or point at the bunny. They want to hear sounds and they look at you and they react to animal sounds. So I was like, 'I want to make a picture book with animals but also an agenda.'"

It's a simple plan and that's the point.

"There is no moral to this story. There's no like, 'Hey, don't be a bully.' The only thing is the secret agenda for the baby to say 'dada.' It's a little sad, but it's what dads want," he said.

Fallon joked that he did all the work on the 40-page book himself (except for the illustrations).

"There's no ghost writer on this one," he laughed. "It's maybe 35 words total. I wrote the words 'moo' and 'dada.' That was all me. I'll take full credit."

As his second Father's Day approaches, Fallon said last year's celebration was "kind of sappy because my wife went all out. This year will be special, too, because I have a brand new baby. I think probably year number three, no one will care about me anymore ... The first year you actually celebrate and that's the one that matters so I'm lucky to have two firsts."

Fallon said his favourite quality about his own father is his sense of humour.

"There's a joke in every conversation. I have that to look forward to. I don't know what it's gonna be, but I call him up and we talk and then all of a sudden it's funny."

He said he likes to watch his dad hold his daughters because he imagines it's "kind of how he held me when I was a baby."

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Remembering the evil genius of Christopher Lee

LIFE'S WORK

Known for his villainous roles, British actor dies at 93

John A. Oswald
Metro in New York City

Storied British actor Christopher Lee, who made a career out of playing the most evil of villains, including Saruman the White Wizard in Lord of the Rings, has died. He was 93.

Younger fans will remember him as the fierce and demented wizard who battled Gandalf (Sir Ian McKellan) in LOTR or as Count Dooku in Star Wars.

Lee, however, had a long history of playing bad guys and monsters before those two blockbuster franchises.

The tributes are pouring in, including one from British Prime Minister David Cameron, who tweeted: "Saddened to hear of Sir Christopher Lee's death, a titan of Golden Age of Cinema & distinguished WW2 veteran who'll be greatly missed."

The London-born Lee, who died this past Saturday, hit it big from the 1950s through the '70s playing Dracula, Frankenstein's monster and the Mummy for Hammer Films.

He played the fiendish criminal genius Fu Manchu in five films, the villain Scaramanga in the James Bond movie The Man with the Golden Gun (1974) and, in a rare departure from cinematic wickedness, gave life to the fictional detective Sherlock Holmes in a couple of films.

Christopher Lee's infamous Saruman the White in The Lord of the Rings. CONTRIBUTED

He played the evil Count Dooku, fighting Jedi knights in Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (2002) and Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005). And the power-hungry wizard Saruman in director Peter Jackson's The Lord of the Rings trilogy in 2001, 2002 and 2003 and in The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) and The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014).

He also appeared in cult British TV series, The League of Gentlemen. Its creator, Mark Gatiss, tweeted that Lee was always "criminally underrated."

He was most closely associated with the role of Dracula, dispensing with the nobility Lugosi had given the role and adopting a more beastly, lustful bearing as he dispensed with various buxom victims. He played the blood-sucking count in several movies spawning decades.

Lee brought to his monsters a sense of pitifulness that he called "the loneliness of evil." Despite being a master of the horror genre, Lee did not even like the word.

"It implies something nauseating, revolting, disgusting — which one sees too often these days. I prefer the word fantasy," he told the New York Times in 2002.

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Lee, performing as a magician, conducts the act The Floating Virgin with German actress Marie-Theres Relin, during a charity function in Munich in 1987. UWE LEIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOP SIX

Lee appeared in over 200 movies, but here are six of his signature films.

The Curse of Frankenstein (1957)
Lee's big breakthrough, in which he played The Creature, beginning the Hammer film studios' long association with horror.

Dracula (1958)
In his career-defining role, Lee played the infamous vampire Count Dracula in this Hammer horror, again with regular co-star Peter Cushing.

The Wicker Man (1973)
Lee played the villainous Lord Summerisle in this horror classic about evil practices on a remote Scottish island.

The Man With The Golden Gun (1974)
Lee starred opposite Roger Moore as the title character in this James Bond thriller, playing assassin Francisco Scaramanga.

Jinnah (1998)
Lee considered his portrayal of Pakistan's founder Muhammad Ali Jinnah as "absolutely my best performance," but the biopic was barely screened in the West outside film festivals, with Lee believing theatres were afraid to show it.

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001)
Lee played the wizard Saruman in this first of five appearances. AFP

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Even if you can't visit Jurassic World, you're closer to the real thing than you know. MARK STACHIEW/FOR METRO

TRAVEL ALBERTA

1 Dinosaur Provincial Park, Alta.

The motherlode of dinosaur fossils in Canada is in Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta's Badlands. This arid landscape of hoodoos was once the shore of the Bearpaw Sea, where ancient creatures thrived. Fossils are so abundant that you can find them virtually everywhere. A trip to the park is best coupled with a visit to the world-class Royal Tyrrell Museum in nearby Drumheller.

KEVIN SHARMAN

2 Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark, B.C.

In 2000, two boys found dinosaur footprints in the rock near this small town in northeastern British Columbia's Peace River district. Their find led to further discoveries of dinosaur bones and footprints. Visitors can sign up for tours to see the trackways and can visit the local museum that houses dinosaur skeletons and displays.

JOGGINS FOSSIL CLIFFS

3 Joggins Fossil Centre, N.S.

The highest tides in the world erode the cliff face along the beach in Joggins, N.S., on the Bay of Fundy, slowly revealing a treasure trove of fossils from the Carboniferous Period. Among the finds are some of the first reptiles to roam the Earth. Visitors can view fossils in the site's museum and tour the beach to see recent finds in the cliff face.

MATHIEU DUPUIS

4 Parc de Miguasha, Que.

Along the southern shore of Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula lies the Parc national de Miguasha. The scenic provincial park preserves a natural heritage site that is rich in fossils from the Devonian Period, a time known as the Age of Fishes. Fossils on display at the impressive visitors' centre include plenty of fearsome-looking fish, but also some of our planet's first plant and air-breathing animals as life moved from water to land.

GREG HUSZAR PHOTOGRAPHY

5 T-Rex Discovery Centre, Sask.

Scotty is the name of the first Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton unearthed in Saskatchewan. His 65-million-year-old bones and those of other Cretaceous creatures are on display at the T-Rex Discovery Centre in Eastend. This state-of-the-art centre operated by the Royal Saskatchewan Museum also houses a display of fossils from the post-dinosaur period. Visitors can also tour a quarry to see fossils or join day-dig programs.

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Revered valley draws campers

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Hiking, river, rock art await in Badlands park

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie

Rock carvings tell the Blackfoot people's story. LOREN CHRISTIE

The valley stretches out in Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park, Alta. LOREN CHRISTIE

Alberta's Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park is home to the largest concentration of rock art on the North American Plains and is as sacred to the local Blackfoot tribes as Mecca is to Muslims.

The destination: The park sits on the southern edge of the Canadian Badlands, a 20-minute drive from the border with Montana.

A hike through the hoodoos, rusty-coloured sandstone rock eroded into giant mushrooms, feels otherworldly. Paddling or floating down the Milk River, which runs through the park, offers visitors an incredible view of this revered valley.

But the highlight of any visit is a guided hike. Hundreds of paintings (pictographs) and thousands of rock carvings (petroglyphs) on the steep valley walls tell the story of the Blackfoot people over thousands of years. As a culture that relies on oral tradition to survive, it was fascinating to hear our guide, Deserae Yellow Horn, interpret the scenes played out on the rock faces as told to her by generations of Blackfoot elders and relatives. She also explained the valley is sacred because it is home to the spirits of her ancestors who communicate with those inhabiting the living world through the rock art.

The accommodation: Camping in the park is the only option, but it got a whole lot more comfortable this year with the introduction of three comfort camping sites.

Built on wooden platforms, the canvas-tented structures provide all the necessities of home: a fridge and fan, pots and pans, and a bed with pillows and linens. It's a great option for people who prefer their creature comforts or for travellers who want to incorporate a little outdoors into their vacation without having to lug along all the equipment.

A gas barbeque and fire pit made it easy to throw together a meal of barbecued shrimp kabobs. Watching the sun set over the hoodoos while we ate was an added bonus.

The journey: The park is about a three and a half hour drive south of Calgary, but I recommend a pit stop at the Alberta Birds of Prey Centre in Coaldale. Owned and operated by Colin Weir for the last 25 years, this rehabilitation centre is home to a variety of hawks, owls and even ducks.

In addition to watching a flying demonstration starring Lincoln the bald eagle, visitors are invited to feed, bathe and hold some of the birds. I even managed to share a kiss with a burrowing owl.

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Waterloo's bicentennial

BELGIUM

Town prepares to celebrate anniversary of historic battle

The little Belgian town of Waterloo is feverishly preparing to celebrate the 200th anniversary of one of history's greatest battles, hoping it can reclaim its name from a London railway station and an ABBA song.

Two centuries after it became famous as the place where "Napoleon did surrender" on June 18, the former farming village has become a sleepy suburb 25 kilometres south of the capital Brussels, with a population of 30,000.

But now its shop windows are full of pictures of the French emperor's famous two-horned hats and little Napoleons perched on white stallions, ahead of several days of celebrations this coming week.

After years of relative obscurity there is a feeling that Waterloo is finally facing its fate as a historic tourism draw.

"I've lived in Waterloo for 50 years and I've always known the story of Napoleon," retiree Antoine Delsemme said.

"But all this will attract people, it will make the town better known and that will profit the inhabitants, especially shop owners. That's very good."

While the battle is commonly known as Waterloo, the town itself was only the headquarters of the Duke of Wellington, who led the allied British and Prussian forces.

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Number of tons of straw provided for Waterloo, Belgium's Battle of Waterloo re-enactment. AFP

Most of the actual fighting in fact took place in neighbouring villages.

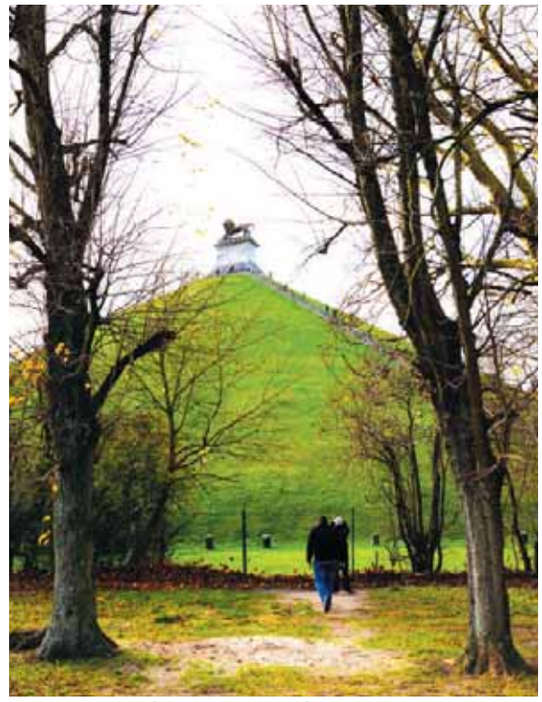
And it is there, several miles south of Waterloo on the plain of Mont-Saint-Jean, that the busiest preparations are underway for the commemorative events which are expected to draw around 200,000 people, a quarter of them foreigners.

A huge light-and-sound show called Inferno on June 18, and two days of battle re-enactments that follow on June 19 and 20 will take place in a huge bowl-shaped field full of tall grass.

For weeks, workers have been setting up stands that will seat around 50,000 spectators per day — more than the capacity of Belgium's national football stadium — with still more standing.

From the peak from where Wellington led the British troops, it is only a few hundred metres to the Hougoumont and de la Haie-Sainte farms where the allied troops made their most heroic and bloody stands against French forces. Also nearby is the Belle Alliance inn that Napoleon used as his headquarters.

The two colossal re-enactments — which will evoke the heat of a history-changing battle lasting a dozen hours, during which 45,000 people were killed or wounded — will involve 5,500 enthusiasts in period uniforms from 52 countries. Alongside them will be 100 cannon and 360 horses to lend authenticity. AFP



La Butte du Lion (The Lion's Mound), the main memorial monument of the Battle of Waterloo. FLICKR: ECKS ECKS

IN BRIEF

100,000 flock to One World Observatory

Well over 100,000 people have visited the observatory at One World Trade Center in less than two weeks. The attraction opened to the public May 29. Thirteen days later, a digital display in the building lobby that counts scanned tickets as visitors enter showed more than 106,000 people had come through. The observatory on the 100th, 101st and 102nd floors of the building provides panoramic views of New York City and the surrounding area.

Rock and roll your own at pot-friendly 'CannaCamp'

Colorado's 170-acre CannaCamp opening July 1 in Durango calls itself the U.S.' first cannabis-friendly ranch resort. Guests won't be given marijuana, because that violates state law. Instead, the resort allows guests to bring their own pot and use it while at the resort. In addition to horseshoes and hiking, guests are offered workshops on marijuana cultivation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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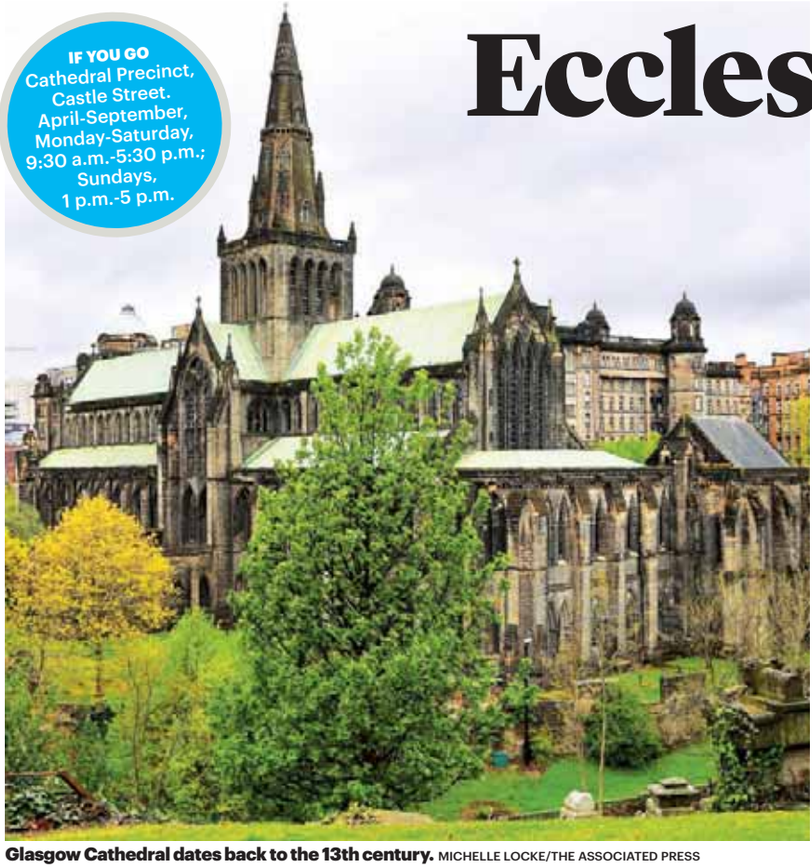


Glasgow Cathedral dates back to the 13th century. MICHELLE LOCKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTLAND

Glasgow Cathedral delivers break from city life

The 18th-century writer Daniel Defoe called Glasgow "the dear green place" although it may not feel that way if you're caught up in the bustle of busy Sauchiehall Street or logging a long day of meetings in the merchant city.

But step into Glasgow Cathedral and you're transported to a hushed sanctuary that compels you to slow your stride and soak in the atmosphere of a medieval masterpiece that had already stood for hundreds of years by the time Defoe, best known as the author of Robinson Crusoe, visited.

Set near the city centre, the cathedral mostly dates from the 13th century, although the history of the spot as a sacred place goes back to the fifth century. The remains of Glasgow's patron saint, St. Mungo, are believed to be buried on the site. There are some interesting stained glass windows, including the great west window in the nave which shows the creation story from the Bible. Fragments of earlier buildings are on display in the lower church.

Admission is free, although donations are accepted, and volunteer guides can be found in the summer. Hit the church at just the right time and you may hear its celebrated choir practising.

Marvel at monuments

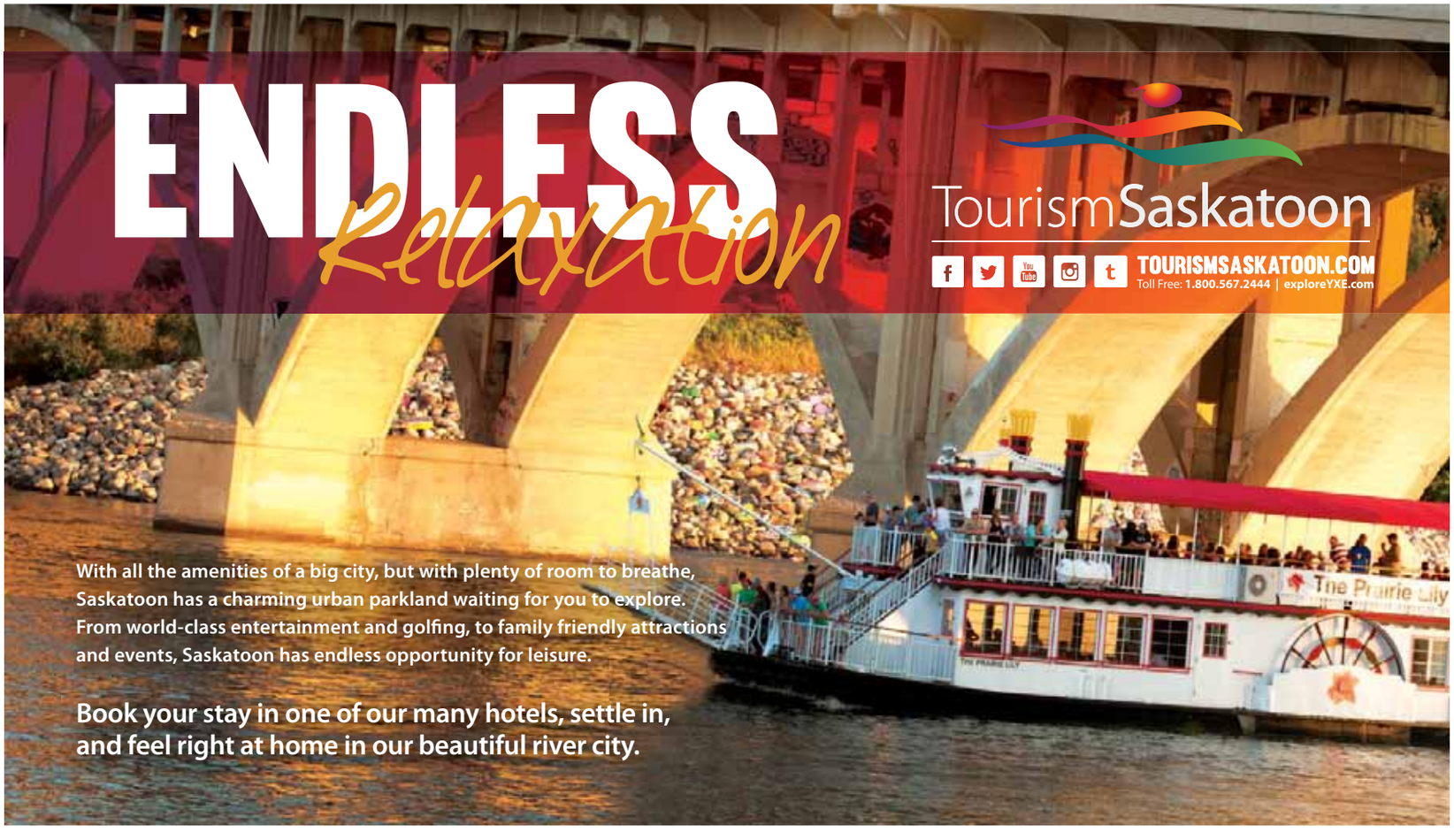
For even more serenity, cross the street to the Glasgow Necropolis, a 37-acre cemetery that is home to thousands of striking monuments arranged on a grassy, green hill. It's an ideal place to spend a couple of hours enjoying sweeping views of the city. The Friends of Glasgow Necropolis offers tours, but Ruth Johnston, chair of the volunteer Friends group, says the cemetery is also "a beautiful place just to walk around without knowing anything about it."

Highlights of the Necropolis include a monument to John Knox, the fiery reformation preacher considered the founder of the Presbyterian church (though his remains are actually buried in Edinburgh) and the "green man," a giant face sculpted on a grassy bank.

Knowing the back stories of past Glaswegians can add an extra fillip to your outing. Take the grave of William Harper Minnoch, marked with an ordinary family headstone but linked to a sensational story. Minnoch was the fiancé of notorious Glasgow socialite Madeleine Smith at the time she was accused of poisoning her lover, Pierre Emile L'Angelier in the mid-1800s. The ensuing trial ended in the Scottish verdict of "not proven," and Smith's culpability has intrigued crime fans ever since.

Also close by is the St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art.

If all that spirituality leaves you feeling in need of mortal sustenance, the nearby Cathedral House Hotel has a bar and restaurant. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Rupertsland will get you thinking

Career camps offer opportunities for Métis

Rupertsland Institute provides opportunities for Métis youth (ages 15 to 18, who are returning to school in the fall) from across Alberta to participate in exciting career camps this summer.

The popular environmental career camp is a working camp at Hinton's Black Cat Ranch, geared to those interested in experiencing outdoor career options. Activities like rock climbing, horseback riding and canoeing are offered, and the sessions teach leadership, responsibility and teamwork, even providing a chance to earn high school credits, safety tickets and a wage.

New this year, the exploring culinary opportunities camp (partnering with NAIT) also runs at Hinton's Black Cat Ranch. With the goal of providing participants with emergency first aid certification, career exposure and team building, students will learn the basics of cooking and using kitchen tools in addition to typical camp experiences.

"A lot of youth have first jobs in hospitality and the food industry," says Kristena Belcourt, provincial program manager of the Rupertsland Institute. "This camp can give them the skills to make an informed choice about whether they want a career in food service or the culinary arts.

"All programs are geared toward skill building and potential employment. We hope the camps get the youth thinking."

Space remains in all summer programs, including a health sciences career camp, entrepreneurial art for youth, transition to post-secondary, Grande Prairie Aboriginal student job shadow program, and exploring future career camp.

Programs of note for 18 to 30 year olds Métis include Métis youth leadership, and emergency services preparation. The first, a partnership with Katimavik, sees youth living in Ontario for five months of volunteerism and community development.

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Emergency services preparation trains participants to apply for a career as a firefighter, police or emergency medical responder. They receive safety ticket training and the chance to earn a Class 2 driver's licence.

Regular programs for Métis older than 18 include truck driver training and a 16-week pre-apprenticeship program in the trades.

Programs in the planning stage include power line technician and pre-trades carpentry.

To apply for programs currently recruiting or to be put on the wait list for upcoming programs, call 1-888-48-METIS. More information can be found at the Rupertsland Institute Facebook page or metisemployment.ca.

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Pascal Dupuis has been cleared to return after a bout with blood clots

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Rearguards step forward in Conn Smythe picture

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Keith, Hedman emerge as front-runners for playoff MVP

When Jonathan Quick was a brick wall for the Los Angeles Kings in 2012, the Conn Smythe Trophy was undoubtedly his. The same went for the Boston Bruins' Tim Thomas in 2011.

"Thomas was outstanding," said Rick Bowness, an assistant coach for the 2011 Vancouver Canucks. "It was an automatic."

Now Bowness is an associate coach with the Tampa Bay Lightning and there's no automatic Conn Smythe winner in this Stanley Cup final against the Chicago Blackhawks. Goaltenders aren't among the front-runners, and each team's top scorers have been held down in the series.

Victor Hedman and Duncan Keith have been the most dominant players, and this will likely be the first year a defenceman wins the Conn Smythe since Scott Niedermayer in 2007. Only four have won it in the past 20 seasons.

"A lot of it has to do if you're scoring goals or if you're contributing offensively or you're a goaltender and you're preventing goals, I think people see you in a different way," 2002 Conn Smythe winner Nicklas Lidstrom said in a phone interview from Sweden. "When you're defending, you might end up preventing a goal by making a good defensive play.

"But goal-scorers or setting up goals, I think you get more recognition than what defence does."

Like Hedman and Keith, Niedermayer, Lidstrom, Scott Stevens and Brian Leetch had to be disproportionate difference-makers to win it. Drew Doughty of the Los Angeles Kings probably had the best case since Niedermayer a year ago, but "Mr. Game 7" Justin Williams got the Conn Smythe.

With the Cup final tied 2-2 going into Game 5 Saturday night, Jonathan Toews is still a strong candidate if the Blackhawks win and Tyler Johnson if the Lightning win. But Keith and Hedman have been so good it would almost be an upset if neither won.

"You don't get to this stage without having elite goaltending, elite defencemen and elite forwards," Bowness said Thursday. "Duncan Keith, I love watching him play.

"Victor Hedman, I've never seen a guy six-foot-six, 230, skate like he does. He's dominant because of his size, his skating ability. He's definitely a No. 1."

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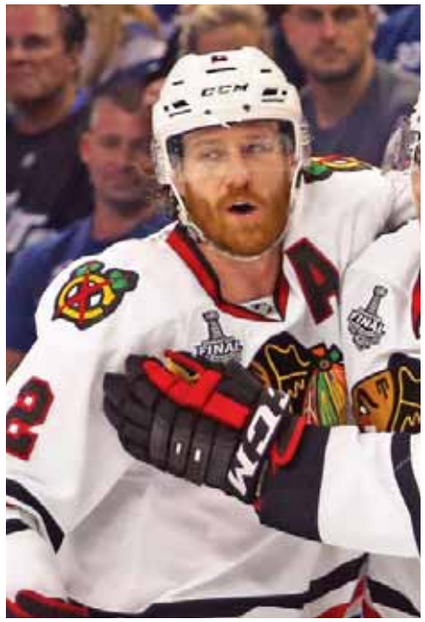

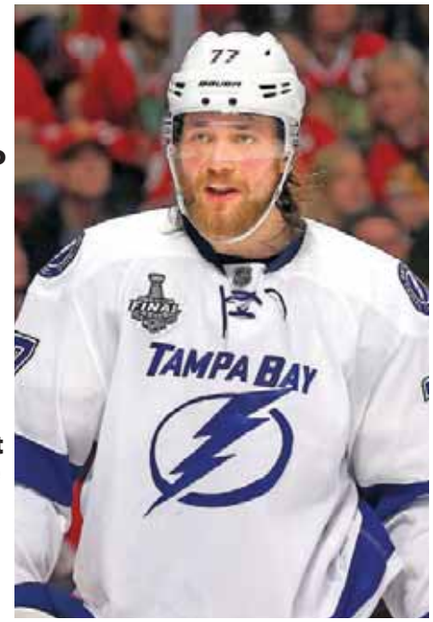

The Blackhawks' Duncan Keith, left, and the Lightning's Victor Hedman have arguably been the best players in the championship series. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

> **The way he skates he looks so lightning fast.**
> The Bruins' Dennis Seidenberg on Duncan Keith

> **He's really elevated his game throughout the course of the playoffs.**
> Matt Carle on teammate Victor Hedman

HAIR-RAISING

Players bristle at idea of banning playoff beards

Don't ban the beard.

That's the consensus among players at the Stanley Cup final after NBC Sports chairman Mark Lazarus suggested the NHL consider outlawing playoff beards so fans can better recognize faces.

It's a sentiment Don Cherry agrees with even though he knows it won't happen.

"I see the guys holding the Cup up, and then I see them in the summer with his beard off, he makes a lot of sense," Cherry said Wednesday night. "Don't laugh at the guy. It makes sense, but they'll never get rid of the beard."

> **For us hockey players, we don't care about (being recognized).**
> Cedric Paquette

That's perfectly fine with players from the Tampa Bay Lightning and Chicago Blackhawks, many of whom are sporting bushy playoff beards at the Cup final.

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos understands the thinking behind it, but can't support banning the beard.

"It's such a long-lasting tradition," Stamkos said.

"I don't think guys are going to be willing to change anytime soon."

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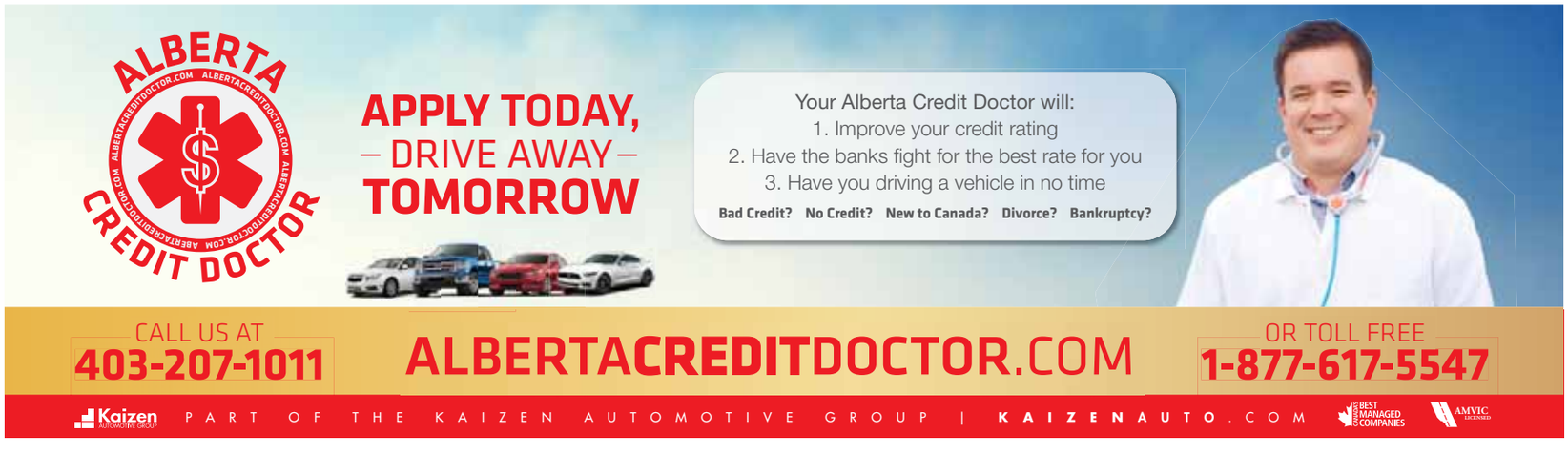
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Comeback win for Padres in fiery affair

MLB

Dugouts erupt as Kemp hit with fastball, Black ejected

Yangervis Solarte hit a two-run single in the 11th inning, and the San Diego Padres beat the Atlanta Braves 6-4 Thursday following a benches-clearing incident and the ejection of manager Bud Black.

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Players left dugouts in the first after Julio Teheran hit Matt Kemp with a 90 mph fastball. No punches were thrown and no one was ejected.

Black was tossed in the seventh for arguing with umpires Jordan Baker and Jerry Meals.

Craig Kimbrel, facing his former team for the second time in the series, earned his 15th save in 16 chances with a perfect 11th that included Andrelton Simmons' groundout and strikeouts by Christian Bethancourt and pinch-hitter. Atlanta's struggling bullpen, which began the day with a major league-worst 4.75 ERA, combined with Bethancourt to blow a 4-1 lead during San Diego's three-run eighth.

Later David Aardsman struck out two batters, but Wil Myers scored the tying run when Bethancourt was called for catcher's interference against Cory Spangenberg. Brandon Cunniff (2-2) walked Derek Norris opening the 11th and allowed Spangenberg's infield single. One out later, Alexi Amarista loaded the bases with a single, and followed with the go-ahead hit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Braves pitcher Julio Teheran, left, and Padres' Matt Kemp are separated after Teheran hit Kemp with a pitch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CANADIANS DRAW ON SOGGY STAGE
Canada's Sophie Schmidt heads the ball as New Zealand Ria Percival and Amber Hearn defend during first-half World Cup action at Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium on Thursday night. Bad weather forced the players off the pitch but the match resumed some 30 minutes later. New Zealand missed a first-half penalty and Canada drew 0-0. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WOMENS' WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

Mjelde strike earns Norway 1-1 draw with Germany

Maren Mjelde scored on a free kick in the second half, giving 1995 champion Norway a 1-1 tie against top-ranked Germany on Thursday in the Women's World Cup.

Anja Mittag put two-time champion Germany ahead in the sixth minute with her 37th international goal, chipping past Ingrid Hjelmseth after the goalkeeper failed to control Dzsenifer Marozsan's shot.

Later in the day, Wang Lisi scored in the first minute of stoppage time to give China a 1-0 victory over the Netherlands in Edmonton. The last-ditch win puts China opening-group play record at 1-1-0 for three points. The Netherlands, which beat New Zealand in its first-ever FIFA Women's World Cup match last Saturday, fell to 1-1-0 for three points.

Also, Thanatta Chawong scored an insurance goal in the 75th minute which proved the difference and Thailand beat Ivory Coast 3-2 in Ottawa. Thailand improved its group record to 1-1-0 with three points while Ivory Coast, 10-0 losers to Germany in its opener, fell to 0-2-0. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Goat Cheese-Stuffed Burgers with Kale and Mushroom Sauté

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Serving burgers atop kale and mushrooms is a refined change.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- ¼ cup finely diced onion
- 3 Tbsp bread crumbs
- 3 Tbsp barbecue sauce or ketchup
- 2 oz soft goat cheese
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 2 cups diced white mushrooms
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 cups chopped leafy kale
- ½ cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- Salt and pepper

Directions
1. Combine beef, egg, garlic, onion, bread crumbs, barbecue sauce, salt and pepper. Pat into four burgers. Take 1½ oz cheese and divide into four pieces. With your fingers, make a hole in the middle of the burger and stuff with cheese. Cover well. Grill or bake the burgers at 375 F until fully cooked, about 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, add oil and onion and sauté for three minutes. Add mushrooms and garlic and sauté for five minutes until mushrooms are cooked. Add kale and red pepper and sauté until soft, about three minutes. Add soy sauce, salt and pepper.
3. Place sauté on serving plate, top with burgers and garnish with remaining ½ oz goat cheese.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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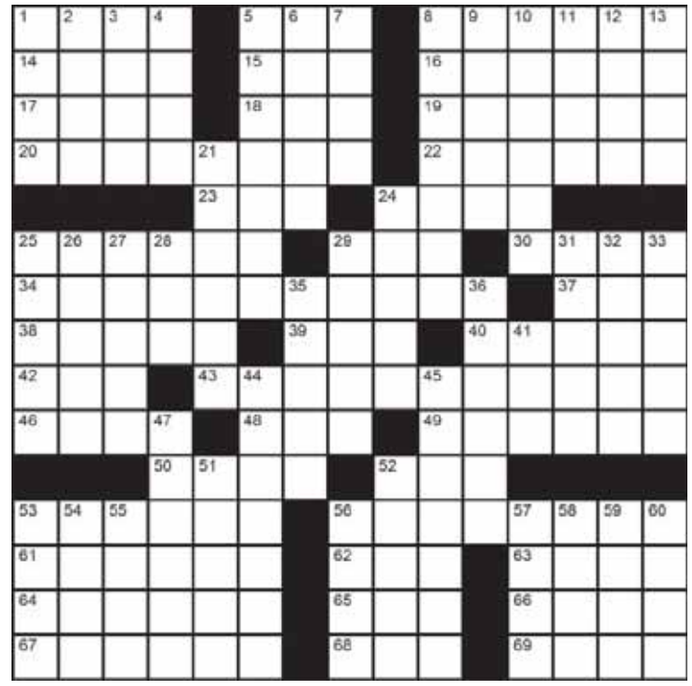

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5. Typing stat.
8. Mr. Bumble's occupation
14. East-of-Toronto town
15. Royal officer, briefly
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18. Toy-made dessert, __-Cone
19. Mr. Campbell of APTN dramedy "Mohawk Girls"
20. Queen's Birthday Parade aka __ the Colour
22. Preconceived notions
23. 'R' in CPR [abbr.]
24. Visionary
25. Singing legend Mr. Robinson
29. Computer's brain [acronym]
30. Spot
34. Lakefronts, country, nature... Canadian channel (also a magazine): 2 wds.
37. 1800s American writer
38. Church member, e.g.
39. Feline
40. Ms. Aguilera, to fans
42. Belonging to Omaha's li'l state
43. __ __ Parade, Whitehall (Where #20-Across takes place in London, England)
46. Old English letters
48. Dog's baby
49. Virtually
50. Mr. Vigoda's
52. O Meridian letters
53. Scottish DJ Mr. Harris
56. "Colin & Justin's Cabin __" (Show on #34-Across)
61. Business patron
62. Popular li'l dog
63. Ripened
64. Makes an attempt: 3 wds.
65. Pre-1868 Tokyo
66. Smelting waste
67. 1966 hit for Eric Burdon & The Animals: "__ __ Rider"
68. TV actress Susan
69. David Pierce link

DOWN
1. Datum
2. Open slightly
3. Edible root
4. Montreal event in '67
5. Display acronym in desktop publishing
6. "__ Lane" by The Beatles
7. Retro synthesizer
8. Jean de __, Jesuit missionary in early Canada
9. Supernatural
10. Shining brightly
11. "Buenos __!"
12. Isolated
13. Terminates
21. Deliver like a Reverend
24. Cattiness
25. Panorama
26. Sulked
27. Range in Quebec, __ Mountains
28. Michael Douglas' leading lady in "The War of the Roses" (1989) ...her initials-sharers
29. Necklace fastener
31. Mr. Agnew, President Nixon's first VP
32. __ Cold Cream
33. Bread-making ingredient
35. Beiges
36. Rejoices
41. Glasgow topper
44. __-__ shoes
45. Nintendo handheld system: 2 wds.
47. Computer file menu option: 2 wds.
51. Overindulge
52. Mark
53. "NCIS: New Orleans" actress Ms. Pounder's
54. Wings: Latin
55. __ Watier (Canadian cosmetics company)
56. Said "Not guilty." in court
57. Cummerbund
58. The __ Duckling
59. Study
60. Boundary

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't get into an open fight with someone who is stronger or better connected than you. The only way to win is to make them think you are not a threat while quietly looking for ways to put your own interests first.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Most of the time you are super confident but something will knock you out of your stride today and make you think you have bitten off more than you can chew. In the greater scheme of things it's no big deal.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are perfectly within your rights to refuse a request from a friend or employer or colleague. According to the planets you need to avoid anything that might be too physically or mentally demanding over the next day.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you use your imagination today and over the weekend you will find ways to make it pay. But don't think of that just in the financial sense — think of ways you can improve all your relationships, at home and at work.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The only danger now is that you might spend too much on other people. With Neptune, planet of illusion, turning retrograde in the wealth area of your chart you will find that cash has a way of slipping away.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is one of the best times of the year for getting along with people, both those you are close to already and those you would like to get close to. A little generosity on your part will go a very long way.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be reluctant to do too much for someone today as you fear they will become dependent on you, but you are too nice to turn them away. Just don't make promises you might be unable or unwilling to keep.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can get a lot done with very little effort today, not least because others will be falling all over themselves to do you favours. Should you take advantage of their unexpected generosity? Of course — and quickly.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There will be times today when you can hardly believe all the nice things certain people are saying about you. Not only should you believe them but you should encourage them to prove it. Let them pamper and praise you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Let partners and loved ones make the decisions today, especially if you're planning to be on the move. Let them come up with ideas — then you can decide whether or not you are interested.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You won't hesitate to help anyone who needs assistance today. However, think twice about giving away any of your hard-earned cash because it is likely to be wasted on things you won't approve of.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You can have anything you want now, provided you give others what they want in return. Put your competitive instincts aside today and co-operate for the greater good — because it's good for you as well.

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